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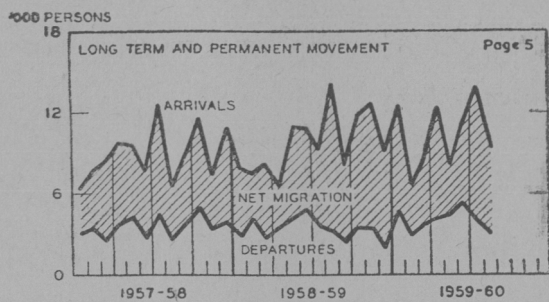
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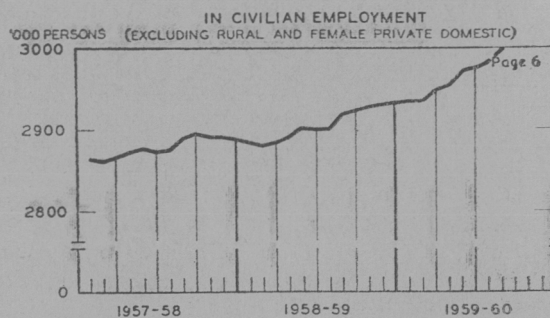
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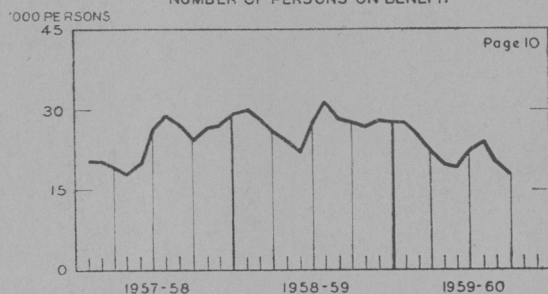


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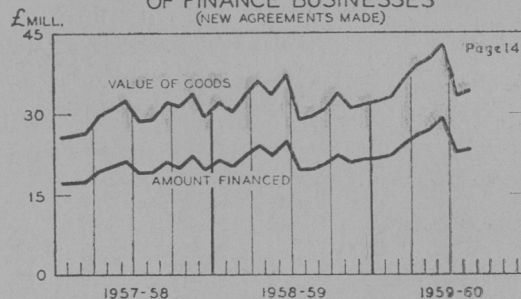
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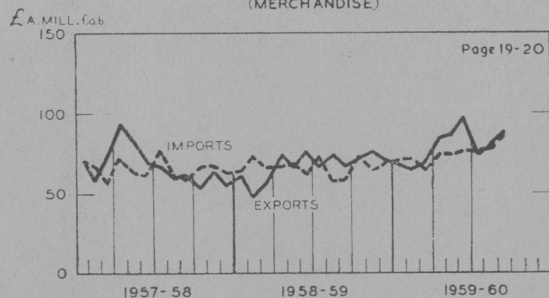
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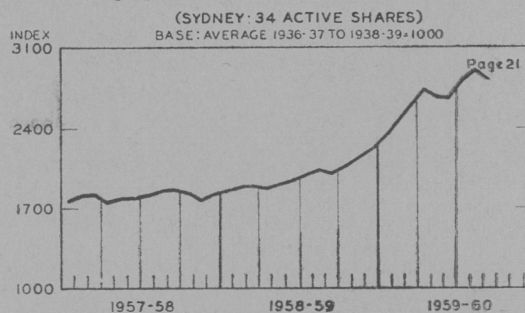


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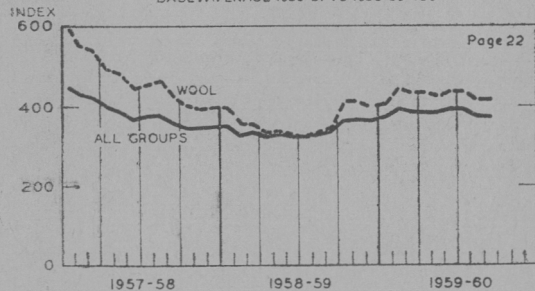


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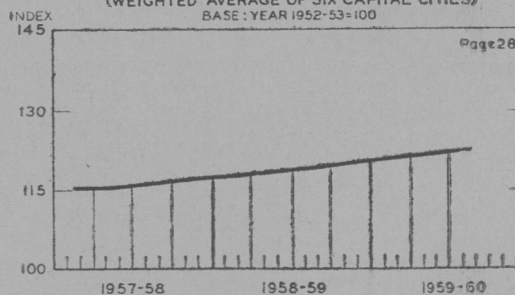
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## INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX

(WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES)

BASE: YEAR 1952-53=100



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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

| Period.                 | Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestics).<br>—End of Month. (a) |          |        | Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b)<br>Index (Base : 1953-54 = 100). | Internal Trade. |            | Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment). |          | Building Permits(e)<br>Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses and Flats Commenced.(f) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                         | Males.                                                                                                               | Females. | Total. |                                                                   | Wholesale.(c)   | Retail.(d) | Imports.                                                         | Exports. |                                                        |                                    |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> | '000.                                                                                                                | '000.    | '000.  |                                                                   | £m.             | £m.        | £m.                                                              | £m.      | £'000.                                                 | No.                                |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | n.a.                                                                                                                 | n.a.     | n.a.   | n.a.                                                              | 37.2            | n.a.       | 8.6                                                              | 12.3     | 1,986                                                  | n.a.                               |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | n.a.                                                                                                                 | n.a.     | n.a.   | n.a.                                                              | 40.5            | n.a.       | 10.6                                                             | 11.7     | 2,307                                                  | n.a.                               |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | n.a.                                                                                                                 | n.a.     | n.a.   | n.a.                                                              | 39.8            | n.a.       | 9.4                                                              | 10.1     | 2,353                                                  | n.a.                               |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 1,910                                                                                                                | 679      | 2,589  | r95.2                                                             | 158.1           | 424.7      | 42.5                                                             | 70.7     | 10,040                                                 | (g)16,152                          |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 1,954                                                                                                                | 707      | 2,661  | r100.0                                                            | 179.5           | 459.5      | 56.5                                                             | 67.7     | 12,356                                                 | (g)19,219                          |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 2,018                                                                                                                | 740      | 2,758  | r105.4                                                            | 205.5           | 502.2      | 70.1                                                             | 63.2     | 17,892                                                 | 19,309                             |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 2,067                                                                                                                | 769      | 2,836  | r112.2                                                            | 221.3           | 537.9      | 68.2                                                             | 64.2     | 18,881                                                 | 18,155                             |
| 1956-57 .. ..           | 2,082                                                                                                                | 779      | 2,861  | r118.2                                                            | 233.2           | 562.5      | 59.7                                                             | 81.1     | 17,401                                                 | 17,364                             |
| 1957-58 .. ..           | 2,089                                                                                                                | 791      | 2,880  | r121.3                                                            | 246.3           | 586.0      | 65.8                                                             | 67.5     | 19,160                                                 | 18,337                             |
| 1958-59 .. ..           | r2,113                                                                                                               | r804     | r2,917 | r124.4                                                            | 253.5           | 611.3      | 66.2                                                             | 67.2     | 21,656                                                 | 20,421                             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                                                                                                      |          |        |                                                                   |                 |            |                                                                  |          |                                                        |                                    |
| 1957-58—                |                                                                                                                      |          |        | r                                                                 |                 |            |                                                                  |          |                                                        |                                    |
| April .. ..             | 2,098                                                                                                                | 796      | 2,894  | 122.3                                                             | 239.2           | 578.9      | 67.1                                                             | 52.9     | 22,059                                                 | 19,493                             |
| May .. ..               | 2,098                                                                                                                | 795      | 2,893  |                                                                   | 260.3           |            | 66.6                                                             | 64.3     | 20,878                                                 |                                    |
| June .. ..              | 2,098                                                                                                                | 792      | 2,890  |                                                                   | 244.7           |            | 63.2                                                             | 54.4     | 21,404                                                 |                                    |
| 1958-59—                | r                                                                                                                    | r        | r      |                                                                   |                 |            | p                                                                |          |                                                        |                                    |
| July .. ..              | 2,099                                                                                                                | 795      | 2,894  | 123.5                                                             | 252.1           | r584.9     | 63.8                                                             | 61.4     | 26,250                                                 | 21,597                             |
| August .. ..            | 2,098                                                                                                                | 795      | 2,893  |                                                                   | 246.9           |            | 72.8                                                             | 47.2     | 22,283                                                 |                                    |
| September ..            | 2,099                                                                                                                | 796      | 2,895  |                                                                   | 265.3           |            | 65.5                                                             | 55.7     | 22,910                                                 |                                    |
| October .. ..           | 2,103                                                                                                                | 798      | 2,901  | 124.5                                                             | 273.7           | r673.5     | 65.5                                                             | 74.0     | 22,187                                                 | 18,782                             |
| November ..             | 2,111                                                                                                                | 804      | 2,915  |                                                                   | 274.7           |            | 67.5                                                             | 66.2     | 19,959                                                 |                                    |
| December ..             | 2,107                                                                                                                | 804      | 2,911  |                                                                   | 275.0           |            | 61.9                                                             | 75.7     | 16,506                                                 |                                    |
| January .. ..           | 2,110                                                                                                                | 800      | 2,910  | 124.2                                                             | 205.2           | r576.9     | 74.4                                                             | 66.9     | 16,015                                                 | 20,350                             |
| February ..             | 2,121                                                                                                                | 810      | 2,931  |                                                                   | 239.1           |            | 58.5                                                             | 73.5     | 20,195                                                 |                                    |
| March .. ..             | 2,124                                                                                                                | 813      | 2,937  |                                                                   | 241.4           |            | 58.9                                                             | 66.4     | 21,351                                                 |                                    |
| April .. ..             | 2,127                                                                                                                | 813      | 2,940  | 125.5                                                             | 264.8           | r609.7     | 73.1                                                             | 72.2     | 23,495                                                 | 20,958                             |
| May .. ..               | 2,128                                                                                                                | 813      | 2,941  |                                                                   | 242.8           |            | 63.1                                                             | 76.7     | 24,551                                                 |                                    |
| June .. ..              | 2,128                                                                                                                | 813      | 2,941  |                                                                   | 261.3           |            | 69.3                                                             | 70.7     | 24,165                                                 |                                    |
| 1959-60—                |                                                                                                                      |          |        |                                                                   |                 |            | p                                                                |          |                                                        |                                    |
| July .. ..              | 2,128                                                                                                                | 815      | 2,943  | 129.6                                                             | 266.4           | r620.7     | 70.6                                                             | 66.5     | 24,324                                                 | 21,918                             |
| August .. ..            | 2,129                                                                                                                | 815      | 2,944  |                                                                   | 273.8           |            | r70.8                                                            | 64.1     | 25,150                                                 |                                    |
| September ..            | 2,135                                                                                                                | 821      | 2,956  |                                                                   | 272.2           |            | 64.0                                                             | 68.8     | 26,152                                                 |                                    |
| October .. ..           | 2,139                                                                                                                | 825      | 2,964  | 130.5                                                             | 287.0           | 717.9      | 74.5                                                             | 84.6     | 29,320                                                 | 21,888                             |
| November ..             | 2,146                                                                                                                | 835      | 2,981  |                                                                   | r297.6          |            | 74.2                                                             | 87.7     | 24,531                                                 |                                    |
| December ..             | 2,148                                                                                                                | 837      | 2,985  |                                                                   | r308.6          |            | 76.0                                                             | 96.9     | 21,315                                                 |                                    |
| January .. ..           | 2,155                                                                                                                | 834      | 2,989  | 135.3                                                             | 223.8           | 623.9      | 75.3                                                             | 74.3     | 21,855                                                 | p22,615                            |
| February ..             | 2,167                                                                                                                | 846      | 3,013  |                                                                   |                 |            | 78.3                                                             | 79.5     | 23,836                                                 |                                    |
| March .. ..             | 2,174                                                                                                                | 852      | 3,026  |                                                                   |                 |            | 87.9                                                             | 88.6     | 33,735                                                 |                                    |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8. (b) All Industries : seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings (see note (a), page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period.               | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered (a)<br>(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). |                           | Government Railways : Gross Revenue. | P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts. | Private Trading Banks.<br>(b) |           | Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                       |                           |                              |                            | Motor Cars.                                                                | Commercial Vehicles, etc. |                                      |                                    | Deposits.                     | Advances. |                                                       |
| Monthly Average—      | '000 tons.                | Million kWh                  | '000 tons.                 | '000.                                                                      | '000.                     | £'000.                               | £'000.                             | £m.                           | £m.       | £m.                                                   |
| 1936-37 ..            | 977                       | 331                          | 90.0                       | 4.0                                                                        | 2.0                       | 3,517                                | 1,318                              | 297.6                         | 262.5     | n.a.                                                  |
| 1937-38 ..            | 990                       | 363                          | 97.2                       | 4.6                                                                        | 2.3                       | 3,705                                | 1,396                              | 314.8                         | 274.4     | n.a.                                                  |
| 1938-39 ..            | 1,051                     | 391                          | 97.5                       | 4.5                                                                        | 2.1                       | 3,662                                | 1,447                              | 317.7                         | 288.1     | n.a.                                                  |
| 1952-53 ..            | 1,545                     | 1,004                        | 150.1                      | 7.8                                                                        | 4.3                       | 12,903                               | 5,367                              | 1,162.4                       | 638.1     | 389.8                                                 |
| 1953-54 ..            | 1,619                     | 1,142                        | 176.4                      | 10.5                                                                       | 4.8                       | 14,155                               | 5,650                              | 1,275.5                       | 658.5     | 447.0                                                 |
| 1954-55 ..            | 1,613                     | 1,264                        | 184.1                      | 13.9                                                                       | 5.6                       | 14,498                               | 6,069                              | 1,310.7                       | 776.8     | 492.1                                                 |
| 1955-56 ..            | 1,586                     | 1,399                        | 193.4                      | 13.6                                                                       | 5.8                       | 14,765                               | 6,612                              | 1,295.4                       | 804.4     | 522.0                                                 |
| 1956-57 ..            | 1,643                     | 1,531                        | 231.2                      | 12.5                                                                       | 4.9                       | 15,737                               | 7,519                              | 1,328.0                       | 762.6     | 563.3                                                 |
| 1957-58 ..            | 1,697                     | 1,649                        | 254.4                      | 13.8                                                                       | 5.6                       | 14,928                               | 8,065                              | 1,391.3                       | 774.3     | 592.7                                                 |
| 1958-59 ..            | p1,699                    | p1,761                       | p266.2                     | 14.2                                                                       | 6.2                       | 15,430                               | 8,622                              | 1,376.3                       | 807.0     | 637.4                                                 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b> |                           |                              |                            |                                                                            |                           |                                      |                                    |                               |           |                                                       |
| 1957-58—              |                           |                              | p                          |                                                                            |                           | (c)                                  |                                    |                               |           |                                                       |
| February              | 1,661                     | 1,468                        | 227.6                      | 13.9                                                                       | 5.5                       | 13,364                               | 7,565                              | 1,443.6                       | 749.6     | 588.4                                                 |
| March ..              | 1,670                     | 1,632                        | 260.1                      | 13.7                                                                       | 6.1                       | 15,026                               | 8,154                              | 1,449.6                       | 754.6     | 610.0                                                 |
| April ..              | 1,620                     | 1,588                        | 248.7                      | 15.4                                                                       | 6.2                       | 14,163                               | 7,906                              | 1,414.4                       | 792.2     | 610.1                                                 |
| May ..                | 1,769                     | 1,766                        | 271.5                      | 15.2                                                                       | 6.0                       | 15,227                               | 8,482                              | 1,354.2                       | 819.5     | 608.9                                                 |
| June ..               | 1,708                     | 1,813                        | 256.6                      | 12.8                                                                       | 5.4                       | 14,856                               | 9,046                              | 1,343.0                       | 831.7     | 603.7                                                 |
| 1958-59—              | p                         | p                            |                            |                                                                            |                           |                                      |                                    |                               |           |                                                       |
| July ..               | 2,017                     | 1,968                        | 270.5                      | 13.9                                                                       | 6.1                       | 15,271                               | 8,449                              | 1,331.2                       | 844.9     | 623.5                                                 |
| August ..             | 1,837                     | 1,852                        | 267.2                      | 13.6                                                                       | 5.5                       | 15,233                               | 7,661                              | 1,321.5                       | 838.8     | 559.0                                                 |
| September             | 1,803                     | 1,775                        | 263.6                      | 14.7                                                                       | 5.9                       | 15,914                               | 8,512                              | 1,324.0                       | 829.8     | 598.5                                                 |
| October ..            | 1,994                     | 1,774                        | 265.3                      | 16.1                                                                       | 6.5                       | 16,422                               | 9,299                              | 1,352.7                       | 830.9     | 640.6                                                 |
| November              | 1,764                     | 1,660                        | 262.7                      | 14.8                                                                       | 6.2                       | 15,087                               | 7,784                              | 1,372.2                       | 824.6     | 645.2                                                 |
| December              | 1,349                     | 1,638                        | 269.9                      | 15.9                                                                       | 6.6                       | 15,436                               | 9,714                              | 1,393.4                       | 808.2     | 707.7                                                 |
| January ..            | 1,133                     | 1,591                        | 267.6                      | 12.4                                                                       | 5.1                       | 14,609                               | 7,872                              | 1,402.0                       | 794.8     | 525.2                                                 |
| February              | 1,660                     | 1,574                        | 244.0                      | 13.5                                                                       | 5.9                       | 14,699                               | 7,823                              | 1,419.9                       | 775.3     | 672.9                                                 |
| March ..              | 1,673                     | 1,688                        | 274.2                      | 13.2                                                                       | 6.1                       | 15,411                               | 8,450                              | 1,431.6                       | 764.3     | 664.5                                                 |
| April ..              | 1,701                     | 1,731                        | 265.4                      | 15.1                                                                       | 7.0                       | 16,354                               | 9,700                              | 1,416.3                       | 782.2     | 639.8                                                 |
| May ..                | 1,671                     | 1,893                        | 287.4                      | 13.1                                                                       | 6.8                       | 15,520                               | 8,432                              | 1,379.1                       | 790.1     | 679.1                                                 |
| June ..               | 1,782                     | 1,987                        | 291.7                      | 13.7                                                                       | 6.8                       | 15,204                               | 9,768                              | 1,379.0                       | 791.1     | 677.6                                                 |
| 1959-60—              |                           |                              |                            |                                                                            |                           |                                      |                                    |                               |           |                                                       |
| July ..               | 1,887                     | 2,121                        | 290.7                      | 15.7                                                                       | 7.5                       | 16,317                               | 9,517                              | 1,375.9                       | 805.4     | 705.5                                                 |
| August ..             | 1,791                     | 2,032                        | 285.0                      | 15.6                                                                       | 6.9                       | 16,259                               | 8,100                              | 1,375.4                       | 803.1     | 647.6                                                 |
| September             | 1,891                     | 1,930                        | 277.0                      | 17.3                                                                       | 7.3                       | 16,989                               | 9,110                              | 1,404.2                       | 800.6     | 713.1                                                 |
| October ..            | 1,842                     | 1,941                        | 306.5                      | 19.1                                                                       | 7.6                       | 16,633                               | 9,796                              | 1,431.7                       | 814.6     | 736.5                                                 |
| November              | 1,814                     | 1,840                        | 297.0                      | 18.7                                                                       | 7.5                       | 16,083                               | 9,366                              | 1,457.2                       | 817.2     | 746.8                                                 |
| December              | 1,250                     | 1,781                        | 295.3                      | 20.8                                                                       | 7.8                       | 15,619                               | 11,571                             | 1,484.2                       | 806.3     | 815.5                                                 |
| January ..            | 1,281                     | r1,735                       | 283.9                      | 13.4                                                                       | 4.8                       | 14,578                               | 9,309                              | 1,484.7                       | 798.4     | 658.7                                                 |
| February              | 1,710                     | r1,766                       | 273.9                      | 17.1                                                                       | 6.5                       |                                      | 9,894                              | 1,505.0                       | 795.4     | 739.3                                                 |
| March ..              |                           | 1,937                        | 296.0                      | 19.8                                                                       | 7.7                       |                                      | 11,711                             | 1,517.5                       | 800.4     | 783.8                                                 |

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.  
 (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                   | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Oversea Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | 18,558     | 47,048  | 19,001  | 28,047               | 40,387                    | (d) 67,657         | 8,178,696                    |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | 19,211     | 48,114  | 19,896  | 28,218               | 33,244                    | (d) 60,770         | 8,421,775                    |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 18,896     | 49,228  | 20,661  | 28,567               | 25,720                    | (d) 53,671         | 8,636,458                    |
| 1952-53 .. ..             | 17,870     | 50,739  | 20,023  | 30,716               | 14,516                    | (d) 44,726         | 8,815,362                    |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 17,827     | 50,400  | 20,390  | 30,010               | 13,263                    | (d) 42,792         | e 8,986,530                  |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 17,848     | 51,213  | 20,541  | 30,672               | 22,868                    | 53,540             | 9,200,691                    |
| 1955-56 .. ..             | 18,169     | 52,719  | 20,712  | 32,007               | 24,710                    | 56,717             | 9,427,558                    |
| 1956-57 .. ..             | 18,111     | 53,753  | 21,467  | 32,286               | 21,594                    | 53,880             | 9,643,079                    |
| 1957-58 .. ..             | 18,511     | 55,265  | 21,150  | 34,115               | 16,650                    | 50,765             | 9,846,140                    |
| 1958-59 .. ..             | 18,458     | 56,495  | 22,013  | 34,482               | 19,289                    | 53,771             | 10,061,222                   |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| 1956-57—                  |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September Qtr. ..         | 15,328     | 53,698  | 26,511  | 27,187               | 24,446                    | 51,633             | 9,479,191                    |
| December „ ..             | 19,319     | 52,319  | 20,364  | 31,955               | 22,188                    | 54,143             | 9,533,334                    |
| March „ ..                | 18,825     | 55,546  | 18,641  | 36,905               | 21,198                    | 58,103             | 9,591,437                    |
| June „ ..                 | 18,971     | 53,450  | 20,353  | 33,097               | 18,545                    | 51,642             | 9,643,079                    |
| 1957-58—                  |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September „ ..            | 16,050     | 56,008  | 25,695  | 30,313               | 16,547                    | 46,860             | 9,689,939                    |
| December „ ..             | 19,850     | 55,354  | 20,264  | 35,090               | 22,442                    | 57,532             | 9,747,471                    |
| March „ ..                | 18,459     | 55,777  | 18,223  | 37,554               | 16,210                    | 53,764             | 9,801,235                    |
| June „ ..                 | 19,686     | 53,921  | 20,418  | 33,503               | 11,402                    | 44,905             | 9,846,140                    |
| 1958-59—                  |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September „ ..            | 15,569     | 57,575  | 24,829  | 32,746               | 17,640                    | 50,386             | 9,896,526                    |
| December „ ..             | 20,287     | 55,231  | 20,253  | 34,978               | 20,114                    | 55,092             | 9,951,618                    |
| March „ ..                | 18,726     | 54,289  | 19,104  | 35,185               | 21,862                    | 57,047             | 10,008,665                   |
| June „ ..                 | 19,249     | 58,883  | 23,867  | 35,016               | 17,541                    | 52,557             | 10,061,222                   |
| 1959-60—                  |            |         |         |                      |                           |                    |                              |
| September „ ..            | 15,927     | 58,071  | 25,513  | 32,558               | 17,504                    | 50,062             | 10,111,284                   |
| December „ ..             | 20,461     | 55,733  | 20,728  | 35,005               | 19,884                    | 54,889             | 10,166,173                   |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

## POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

| Date.             | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>30th June—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1949 ..           | 3,092,621        | 2,142,986 | 1,159,124   | 679,305          | 532,191            | 267,062   | 13,391              | 21,386                        | 7,908,066  |
| 1950 ..           | 3,193,372        | 2,208,078 | 1,196,185   | 709,547          | 557,096            | 275,902   | 14,692              | 23,824                        | 8,178,696  |
| 1951 ..           | 3,278,032        | 2,276,575 | 1,227,701   | 732,430          | 580,343            | 286,193   | 15,609              | 24,892                        | 8,421,775  |
| 1952 ..           | 3,339,455        | 2,344,491 | 1,259,478   | 755,053          | 599,858            | 296,299   | 15,464              | 26,360                        | 8,636,458  |
| 1953 ..           | 3,383,792        | 2,395,254 | 1,291,410   | 775,781          | 620,547            | 304,080   | 15,853              | 28,645                        | 8,815,362  |
| 1954(a) ..        | 3,423,529        | 2,452,341 | 1,318,259   | 797,094          | 639,771            | 308,752   | 16,469              | 30,315                        | 8,986,530  |
| 1955 ..           | 3,490,331        | 2,523,018 | 1,344,572   | 819,549          | 658,538            | 314,679   | 17,580              | b 32,424                      | 9,200,691  |
| 1956 ..           | 3,553,432        | 2,605,088 | 1,370,697   | 848,526          | 677,389            | 319,648   | 18,297              | b 34,481                      | 9,427,558  |
| 1957 ..           | 3,622,906        | 2,673,498 | 1,396,740   | 873,123          | 691,882            | 327,895   | 19,170              | c 37,865                      | 9,643,079  |
| 1958 ..           | 3,689,175        | 2,741,397 | 1,417,404   | 896,750          | 705,250            | 335,418   | 19,579              | d 41,167                      | 9,846,140  |
| 1959 ..           | 3,756,375        | 2,814,523 | 1,440,998   | 920,835          | 719,164            | 342,315   | 20,942              | d 46,070                      | 10,061,222 |
| <b>31st Dec.—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1959 ..           | 3,790,270        | 2,842,903 | 1,447,198   | 934,427          | 726,489            | 354,582   | 20,354              | 49,950                        | 10,166,173 |

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

## OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period.                 |    |    | Short Term Movement.  |            |                         |            | Long Term and Permanent Movement. |             |                     |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
|                         |    |    | Australian Residents. |            | Visitors from Overseas. |            | Arrivals.                         | Departures. | Excess of Arrivals. |
|                         |    |    | Returning.            | Departing. | Arriving.               | Departing. |                                   |             |                     |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |    |    |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| 1949-50                 | .. | .. | 2,336                 | 2,500      | 3,470                   | 3,644      | 15,407                            | 1,608       | 13,799              |
| 1950-51                 | .. | .. | 2,812                 | 2,617      | 3,594                   | 3,753      | 12,774                            | 1,729       | 11,045              |
| 1951-52                 | .. | .. | 3,251                 | 3,233      | 3,895                   | 4,085      | 10,872                            | 2,126       | 8,746               |
| 1952-53                 | .. | .. | 3,351                 | 3,427      | 3,838                   | 4,198      | 7,991                             | 2,717       | 5,274               |
| 1953-54                 | .. | .. | 3,648                 | 3,556      | 3,953                   | 3,906      | 7,206                             | 2,924       | 4,282               |
|                         |    |    |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| 1954-55                 | .. | .. | 4,107                 | 4,013      | 4,277                   | 4,220      | 10,348                            | 2,877       | 7,471               |
| 1955-56                 | .. | .. | 4,719                 | 4,469      | 4,608                   | 4,515      | 11,052                            | 3,159       | 7,893               |
| 1956-57                 | .. | .. | 4,604                 | 4,162      | 5,532                   | 5,617      | 10,050                            | 3,209       | 6,841               |
| 1957-58                 | .. | .. | 4,844                 | 4,714      | 4,922                   | 4,964      | 8,998                             | 3,536       | 5,462               |
| 1958-59                 | .. | .. | 4,999                 | 4,933      | 5,361                   | 5,481      | 9,725                             | 3,242       | 6,483               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |    |    |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| 1957-58—                |    |    |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| September               | .. | .. | 5,028                 | 3,875      | 4,394                   | 4,045      | 8,589                             | 2,639       | 5,950               |
| October                 | .. | .. | 6,142                 | 3,156      | 4,926                   | 4,265      | 9,823                             | 3,659       | 6,164               |
| November                | .. | .. | 5,866                 | 3,811      | 5,135                   | 6,260      | 9,679                             | 4,154       | 5,525               |
| December                | .. | .. | 5,265                 | 5,537      | 6,790                   | 5,255      | 7,734                             | 2,821       | 4,913               |
| January                 | .. | .. | 5,641                 | 4,868      | 5,183                   | 6,054      | 12,617                            | 4,510       | 8,107               |
| February                | .. | .. | 4,555                 | 4,381      | 5,371                   | 5,052      | 6,480                             | 2,698       | 3,782               |
| March                   | .. | .. | 5,264                 | 6,488      | 5,995                   | 5,993      | 8,852                             | 3,704       | 5,148               |
| April                   | .. | .. | 4,280                 | 7,442      | 5,196                   | 5,621      | 11,743                            | 4,795       | 6,948               |
| May                     | .. | .. | 4,008                 | 5,585      | 4,395                   | 4,971      | 7,424                             | 3,297       | 4,127               |
| June                    | .. | .. | 3,752                 | 4,368      | 3,527                   | 3,983      | 10,916                            | 3,777       | 7,139               |
| 1958-59—                |    |    |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| July                    | .. | .. | 4,408                 | 3,916      | 4,043                   | 3,858      | 7,794                             | 2,883       | 4,911               |
| August                  | .. | .. | 5,037                 | 4,003      | 4,337                   | 4,742      | 7,372                             | 4,193       | 3,179               |
| September               | .. | .. | 5,764                 | 3,089      | 4,733                   | 4,600      | 8,151                             | 2,715       | 5,436               |
| October                 | .. | .. | 5,509                 | 3,526      | 5,271                   | 5,198      | 6,617                             | 3,454       | 3,163               |
| November                | .. | .. | 5,663                 | 3,916      | 5,631                   | 5,596      | 11,018                            | 4,195       | 6,823               |
| December                | .. | .. | 5,184                 | 7,306      | 7,660                   | 5,364      | 10,873                            | 4,757       | 6,116               |
| January                 | .. | .. | 6,231                 | 4,649      | 5,554                   | 7,008      | 9,191                             | 3,387       | 5,804               |
| February                | .. | .. | 5,033                 | 5,120      | 6,238                   | 6,021      | 14,003                            | 2,941       | 11,062              |
| March                   | .. | .. | 4,428                 | 5,432      | 6,444                   | 6,455      | 8,113                             | 2,360       | 5,753               |
| April                   | .. | .. | 4,058                 | 7,579      | 5,139                   | 6,554      | 11,760                            | 3,149       | 8,611               |
| May                     | .. | .. | 4,185                 | 6,353      | 4,862                   | 5,972      | 12,576                            | 3,029       | 9,547               |
| June                    | .. | .. | 4,490                 | 4,304      | 4,421                   | 4,402      | 9,229                             | 1,837       | 7,392               |
| 1959-60—                |    |    |                       |            |                         |            |                                   |             |                     |
| July                    | .. | .. | 3,761                 | 4,775      | 4,043                   | 4,781      | 12,414                            | 4,320       | 8,094               |
| August                  | .. | .. | 4,927                 | 4,164      | 4,808                   | 4,658      | 6,554                             | 2,761       | 3,793               |
| September               | .. | .. | 5,957                 | 4,710      | 5,858                   | 5,602      | 8,454                             | 3,501       | 4,953               |
| October                 | .. | .. | 7,396                 | 4,696      | 6,480                   | 6,513      | 12,435                            | 3,937       | 8,498               |
| November                | .. | .. | 5,956                 | 4,189      | 6,290                   | 6,578      | 8,213                             | 4,273       | 3,940               |
| December                | .. | .. | 5,332                 | 8,660      | 7,983                   | 7,486      | 11,080                            | 4,949       | 6,131               |
| January                 | .. | .. | 6,849                 | 4,883      | 6,696                   | 7,331      | 14,022                            | 4,132       | 9,890               |
| February                | .. | .. | 5,243                 | 5,328      | 7,146                   | 6,424      | 9,396                             | 3,074       | 6,322               |
| March                   | .. | .. | 5,655                 | 8,318      | 8,122                   | 7,886      | 13,672                            | 3,827       | 9,845               |

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

| Month.          | Total Civilian Employees.<br>(Excluding Rural and Female<br>Private Domestic.) |                              |           | Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups. |                        |                                         |                                         |                  |                                           |                                                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                 | Governmental<br>Authorities.(b)                                                | Private<br>Employers.<br>(c) | Total.(c) | Mining<br>and<br>Quarry-<br>ing.                    | Fac-<br>tories.<br>(c) | Build-<br>ing and<br>Con-<br>struction. | Transport<br>and<br>Communi-<br>cation. | Retail<br>Trade. | Other<br>Com-<br>merce<br>and<br>Finance. | Pro-<br>fessional<br>and<br>Personal<br>Services.<br>(d) |
| MALES.          |                                                                                |                              |           |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                         |                  |                                           |                                                          |
| 1956—June ..    | 604.9                                                                          | 1,477.3                      | 2,082.2   | 57.3                                                | 778.0                  | 214.6                                   | 310.4                                   | 130.0            | 212.7                                     | 187.3                                                    |
| 1957—June ..    | 609.5                                                                          | 1,475.9                      | 2,085.4   | 56.3                                                | 780.2                  | 207.4                                   | 313.0                                   | 129.6            | 214.0                                     | 193.1                                                    |
| 1958—June ..    | 621.8                                                                          | 1,476.1                      | 2,097.9   | 51.6                                                | 791.1                  | 202.4                                   | 311.8                                   | 132.7            | 216.3                                     | 196.3                                                    |
| 1959—June ..    | 633.9                                                                          | r1,493.7                     | r2,127.6  | 49.1                                                | r805.6                 | 205.2                                   | 312.6                                   | 133.6            | 221.5                                     | 201.5                                                    |
| 1958—December.. | 622.8                                                                          | r1,483.9                     | r2,106.7  | 50.6                                                | r792.4                 | 199.5                                   | 309.7                                   | 139.1            | 220.1                                     | 198.5                                                    |
| 1959—January .. | 627.1                                                                          | 1,482.6                      | 2,109.7   | 49.7                                                | 795.0                  | 201.1                                   | 311.7                                   | 134.1            | 221.4                                     | 198.9                                                    |
| February ..     | 631.2                                                                          | 1,489.5                      | 2,120.7   | 49.6                                                | 800.2                  | 203.2                                   | 312.2                                   | 133.9            | 222.3                                     | 201.1                                                    |
| March ..        | 632.0                                                                          | 1,491.5                      | 2,123.5   | 49.1                                                | 802.4                  | 203.7                                   | 312.6                                   | 133.3            | 222.2                                     | 201.9                                                    |
| December..      | 630.1                                                                          | 1,517.8                      | 2,147.9   | 49.0                                                | 813.7                  | 201.9                                   | 309.7                                   | 141.0            | 227.0                                     | 206.2                                                    |
| 1960—January .. | 631.3                                                                          | 1,523.2                      | 2,154.5   | 49.3                                                | 819.3                  | 202.8                                   | 312.1                                   | 136.3            | 228.4                                     | 206.2                                                    |
| February ..     | 634.2                                                                          | 1,532.4                      | 2,166.6   | 49.3                                                | 825.5                  | 204.5                                   | 311.9                                   | 136.8            | 229.6                                     | 208.9                                                    |
| March ..        | 635.0                                                                          | 1,538.6                      | 2,173.6   | 49.3                                                | 829.1                  | 205.8                                   | 312.2                                   | 136.4            | 230.7                                     | 209.5                                                    |
| FEMALES.        |                                                                                |                              |           |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                         |                  |                                           |                                                          |
| 1956—June ..    | 129.8                                                                          | 643.6                        | 773.4     | 1.2                                                 | 242.5                  | 5.1                                     | 40.1                                    | 123.0            | 88.1                                      | 236.6                                                    |
| 1957—June ..    | 132.8                                                                          | 647.4                        | 780.2     | 1.2                                                 | 242.9                  | 5.3                                     | 40.1                                    | 121.6            | 90.3                                      | 241.9                                                    |
| 1958—June ..    | 136.6                                                                          | 655.9                        | 792.5     | 1.1                                                 | 244.0                  | 5.5                                     | 39.9                                    | 125.6            | 92.3                                      | 246.4                                                    |
| 1959—June ..    | 143.9                                                                          | r669.1                       | r813.0    | 1.1                                                 | r248.9                 | 5.6                                     | 40.3                                    | 126.5            | 95.3                                      | 256.5                                                    |
| 1958—December.. | 137.1                                                                          | r666.9                       | r804.0    | 1.1                                                 | r244.2                 | 5.5                                     | 40.1                                    | 133.5            | 92.3                                      | 249.2                                                    |
| 1959—January .. | 138.6                                                                          | 661.3                        | 799.9     | 1.1                                                 | 243.7                  | 5.5                                     | 40.3                                    | 127.0            | 93.7                                      | 250.3                                                    |
| February ..     | 143.0                                                                          | 667.6                        | 810.6     | 1.1                                                 | 249.9                  | 5.5                                     | 40.5                                    | 126.0            | 94.8                                      | 254.2                                                    |
| March ..        | 143.4                                                                          | 669.8                        | 813.2     | 1.1                                                 | 250.3                  | 5.6                                     | 40.5                                    | 125.9            | 95.3                                      | 255.8                                                    |
| December..      | 143.5                                                                          | 693.1                        | 836.6     | 1.1                                                 | 257.0                  | 5.7                                     | 40.7                                    | 137.2            | 96.9                                      | 259.0                                                    |
| 1960—January .. | 143.7                                                                          | 690.6                        | 834.3     | 1.1                                                 | 258.9                  | 5.8                                     | 41.2                                    | 131.2            | 98.7                                      | 258.1                                                    |
| February ..     | 148.6                                                                          | 697.3                        | 845.9     | 1.1                                                 | 264.4                  | 5.8                                     | 41.2                                    | 130.4            | 100.3                                     | 263.2                                                    |
| March ..        | 149.5                                                                          | 702.5                        | 852.0     | 1.1                                                 | 266.8                  | 5.9                                     | 41.2                                    | 131.0            | 101.3                                     | 265.1                                                    |
| PERSONS.        |                                                                                |                              |           |                                                     |                        |                                         |                                         |                  |                                           |                                                          |
| 1956—June ..    | 734.7                                                                          | 2,120.9                      | 2,855.6   | 58.5                                                | 1,020.5                | 219.7                                   | 350.5                                   | 253.0            | 300.8                                     | 423.9                                                    |
| 1957—June ..    | 742.3                                                                          | 2,123.3                      | 2,865.6   | 57.5                                                | 1,023.1                | 212.7                                   | 353.1                                   | 251.2            | 304.3                                     | 435.0                                                    |
| 1958—June ..    | 758.4                                                                          | 2,132.0                      | 2,890.4   | 52.7                                                | 1,035.1                | 207.9                                   | 351.7                                   | 258.3            | 308.6                                     | 442.7                                                    |
| 1959—June ..    | 777.8                                                                          | r2,162.8                     | r2,940.6  | 50.2                                                | r1,054.5               | 210.8                                   | 352.9                                   | 260.1            | 316.8                                     | 458.0                                                    |
| 1958—December.. | 759.9                                                                          | r2,150.8                     | r2,910.7  | 51.7                                                | r1,036.6               | 205.0                                   | 349.8                                   | 272.6            | 312.4                                     | 447.7                                                    |
| 1959—January .. | 765.7                                                                          | 2,143.9                      | 2,909.6   | 50.8                                                | 1,038.7                | 206.6                                   | 352.0                                   | 261.1            | 315.1                                     | 449.2                                                    |
| February ..     | 774.2                                                                          | 2,157.1                      | 2,931.3   | 50.7                                                | 1,050.1                | 208.7                                   | 352.7                                   | 259.9            | 317.1                                     | 455.3                                                    |
| March ..        | 775.4                                                                          | 2,161.3                      | 2,936.7   | 50.2                                                | 1,052.7                | 209.3                                   | 353.1                                   | 259.2            | 317.5                                     | 457.7                                                    |
| December..      | 773.6                                                                          | 2,210.9                      | 2,984.5   | 50.1                                                | 1,070.7                | 207.6                                   | 350.4                                   | 278.2            | 323.9                                     | 465.2                                                    |
| 1960—January .. | 775.0                                                                          | 2,213.8                      | 2,988.8   | 50.4                                                | 1,078.2                | 208.6                                   | 353.3                                   | 267.5            | 327.1                                     | 464.3                                                    |
| February ..     | 782.8                                                                          | 2,229.7                      | 3,012.5   | 50.4                                                | 1,089.9                | 210.3                                   | 353.1                                   | 267.2            | 329.9                                     | 472.1                                                    |
| March ..        | 784.5                                                                          | 2,241.1                      | 3,025.6   | 50.4                                                | 1,095.9                | 211.7                                   | 353.4                                   | 267.4            | 332.0                                     | 474.6                                                    |

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.  
 (b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.  
 (c) See note (b), page 8.  
 (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestics).

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

| Month.          | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES.          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1956—June ..    | 808.3            | 583.2     | 282.4       | 187.9            | 140.5              | 65.7      | 5.2                 | 9.0                           | 2,082.2    |
| 1957—June ..    | 810.2            | 586.0     | 282.6       | 186.4            | 138.4              | 66.0      | 5.8                 | 10.0                          | 2,085.4    |
| 1958—June ..    | 813.9            | 592.9     | 282.8       | 186.0            | 138.6              | 67.0      | 5.6                 | 11.1                          | 2,097.9    |
| 1959—June r ..  | 819.0            | 603.4     | 287.8       | 192.0            | 140.0              | 67.6      | 5.9                 | 11.9                          | 2,127.6    |
|                 | r                | r         | r           | r                | r                  | r         | r                   | r                             | r          |
| 1958—November.. | 817.1            | 596.7     | 285.7       | 187.6            | 139.7              | 66.7      | 5.9                 | 11.9                          | 2,111.3    |
| December..      | 816.2            | 598.0     | 279.3       | 187.8            | 140.1              | 67.5      | 5.9                 | 11.9                          | 2,106.7    |
| 1959—January .. | 815.4            | 600.9     | 279.4       | 188.6            | 140.0              | 67.7      | 5.8                 | 11.9                          | 2,109.7    |
| February ..     | 817.0            | 605.2     | 282.8       | 190.0            | 140.0              | 68.0      | 5.8                 | 11.9                          | 2,120.7    |
| March ..        | 817.0            | 606.1     | 283.5       | 190.5            | 140.6              | 68.2      | 5.8                 | 11.8                          | 2,123.5    |
| November..      | 829.3            | 608.9     | 285.6       | 193.9            | 141.1              | 68.3      | 6.0                 | 12.4                          | 2,145.5    |
| December..      | 831.9            | 611.6     | 282.0       | 194.3            | 140.8              | 68.6      | 6.0                 | 12.7                          | 2,147.9    |
| 1960—January .. | 834.7            | 613.1     | 282.0       | 195.7            | 140.8              | 69.4      | 6.0                 | 12.8                          | 2,154.5    |
| February ..     | 837.7            | 617.4     | 285.9       | 196.0            | 141.5              | 69.2      | 6.0                 | 12.9                          | 2,166.6    |
| March ..        | 840.1            | 619.4     | 287.6       | 196.4            | 141.4              | 69.5      | 6.1                 | 13.1                          | 2,173.6    |
| FEMALES.        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1956—June ..    | 305.9            | 238.5     | 93.7        | 62.5             | 45.1               | 23.2      | 1.2                 | 3.3                           | 773.4      |
| 1957—June ..    | 309.3            | 240.4     | 95.8        | 62.4             | 44.5               | 22.9      | 1.2                 | 3.7                           | 780.2      |
| 1958—June ..    | 314.4            | 244.5     | 95.9        | 63.4             | 45.6               | 23.5      | 1.3                 | 3.9                           | 792.5      |
| 1959—June r ..  | 320.4            | 252.8     | 97.9        | 65.9             | 47.0               | 23.3      | 1.4                 | 4.3                           | 813.0      |
|                 | r                | r         | r           | r                | r                  | r         | r                   | r                             | r          |
| 1958—November.. | 319.1            | 248.9     | 96.8        | 64.7             | 46.6               | 22.5      | 1.4                 | 3.9                           | 803.9      |
| December..      | 320.0            | 247.9     | 96.2        | 64.6             | 46.9               | 23.2      | 1.4                 | 3.8                           | 804.0      |
| 1959—January .. | 315.9            | 247.3     | 96.6        | 65.2             | 46.4               | 23.1      | 1.4                 | 4.0                           | 799.9      |
| February ..     | 318.5            | 253.8     | 98.0        | 65.3             | 46.7               | 22.8      | 1.4                 | 4.1                           | 810.6      |
| March ..        | 319.6            | 254.6     | 97.5        | 65.7             | 47.1               | 23.1      | 1.4                 | 4.2                           | 813.2      |
| November..      | 331.1            | 259.3     | 99.3        | 68.1             | 48.2               | 23.1      | 1.4                 | 4.6                           | 835.1      |
| December..      | 331.7            | 259.6     | 99.6        | 67.9             | 48.2               | 23.6      | 1.5                 | 4.5                           | 836.6      |
| 1960—January .. | 329.2            | 260.2     | 99.0        | 68.6             | 47.3               | 24.0      | 1.4                 | 4.6                           | 834.3      |
| February ..     | 333.6            | 265.0     | 100.0       | 69.0             | 48.4               | 23.7      | 1.5                 | 4.7                           | 845.9      |
| March ..        | 336.7            | 266.8     | 100.0       | 69.7             | 48.8               | 23.7      | 1.5                 | 4.8                           | 852.0      |
| PERSONS.        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1956—June ..    | 1,114.2          | 821.7     | 376.1       | 250.4            | 185.6              | 88.9      | 6.4                 | 12.3                          | 2,855.6    |
| 1957—June ..    | 1,119.5          | 826.4     | 378.4       | 248.8            | 182.9              | 88.9      | 7.0                 | 13.7                          | 2,865.6    |
| 1958—June ..    | 1,128.3          | 837.4     | 378.7       | 249.4            | 184.2              | 90.5      | 6.9                 | 15.0                          | 2,890.4    |
| 1959—June r ..  | 1,139.4          | 856.2     | 385.7       | 257.9            | 187.0              | 90.9      | 7.3                 | 16.2                          | 2,940.6    |
|                 | r                | r         | r           | r                | r                  | r         | r                   | r                             | r          |
| 1958—November.. | 1,136.2          | 845.6     | 382.5       | 252.3            | 186.3              | 89.2      | 7.3                 | 15.8                          | 2,915.2    |
| December..      | 1,136.2          | 845.9     | 375.5       | 252.4            | 187.0              | 90.7      | 7.3                 | 15.7                          | 2,910.7    |
| 1959—January .. | 1,131.3          | 848.2     | 376.0       | 253.8            | 186.4              | 90.8      | 7.2                 | 15.9                          | 2,909.6    |
| February ..     | 1,135.5          | 859.0     | 380.8       | 255.3            | 186.7              | 90.8      | 7.2                 | 16.0                          | 2,931.3    |
| March ..        | 1,136.6          | 860.7     | 381.0       | 256.2            | 187.7              | 91.3      | 7.2                 | 16.0                          | 2,936.7    |
| November..      | 1,160.4          | 868.2     | 384.9       | 262.0            | 189.3              | 91.4      | 7.4                 | 17.0                          | 2,980.6    |
| December..      | 1,163.6          | 871.2     | 381.6       | 262.2            | 189.0              | 92.2      | 7.5                 | 17.2                          | 2,984.5    |
| 1960—January .. | 1,163.9          | 873.3     | 381.0       | 264.3            | 188.1              | 93.4      | 7.4                 | 17.4                          | 2,988.8    |
| February ..     | 1,171.3          | 882.4     | 385.9       | 265.0            | 189.9              | 92.9      | 7.5                 | 17.6                          | 3,012.5    |
| March ..        | 1,176.8          | 886.2     | 387.6       | 266.1            | 190.2              | 93.2      | 7.6                 | 17.9                          | 3,025.6    |

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8, and notes on page 6.

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# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

| Period.                     | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |          |          |                                             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                             |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.     | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. |                                       |
|                             |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          | Un-adjusted.                                | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
| Average of Monthly Figures— | '000.            | '000.     | '000.       | '000.            | '000.              | '000.     | '000.      | '000.    | '000.    |                                             |                                       |
| 1936-37 ..                  | 197.8            | 183.0     | 45.9        | 39.3             | 21.4               | 11.8      | 359.6      | 139.6    | 499.2    | 950                                         | 959                                   |
| 1937-38 ..                  | 215.6            | 193.6     | 49.6        | 42.6             | 22.0               | 12.5      | 387.7      | 148.2    | 535.9    | 1,019                                       | 1,019                                 |
| 1938-39 ..                  | 219.5            | 193.9     | 51.5        | 42.0             | 22.1               | 13.2      | 391.8      | 150.4    | 542.2    | 1,031                                       | 1,022                                 |
| 1951-52 ..                  | 391.5            | 310.9     | 90.0        | 81.5             | 42.7               | 23.0      | 707.9      | 231.7    | 939.6    | 1,787                                       | 1,440                                 |
| 1952-53 ..                  | 364.6            | 297.0     | 88.4        | 77.8             | 42.7               | 22.4      | 687.6      | 205.3    | 892.9    | 1,698                                       | 1,336                                 |
| 1953-54 ..                  | 386.3            | 317.3     | 93.0        | 82.7             | 44.9               | 23.4      | 721.6      | 226.0    | 947.6    | 1,802                                       | 1,392                                 |
| 1954-55 ..                  | 403.0            | 332.6     | 95.4        | 86.6             | 46.8               | 24.4      | 751.4      | 237.4    | 988.8    | 1,881                                       | 1,422                                 |
| 1955-56 ..                  | 417.0            | 341.3     | 97.2        | 89.9             | 47.5               | 26.0      | 775.4      | 243.5    | 1,018.9  | 1,938                                       | 1,429                                 |
| 1956-57 ..                  | 420.1            | 341.0     | 98.1        | 89.2             | 46.1               | 26.5      | 776.6      | 244.4    | 1,021.0  | 1,942                                       | 1,399                                 |
| 1957-58 ..                  | 429.2            | 344.8     | 96.9        | 89.5             | 45.8               | 26.9      | 786.8      | 246.3    | 1,033.1  | 1,965                                       | 1,385                                 |
| 1958-59 r ..                | 433.4            | 348.7     | 99.8        | 91.0             | 45.7               | 27.2      | 798.8      | 247.0    | 1,045.8  | 1,989                                       | 1,373                                 |
| At end of Month—            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |                                             |                                       |
| 1957-58—                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |                                             |                                       |
| March ..                    | 432.9            | 352.3     | 96.5        | 90.9             | 46.3               | 27.2      | 793.3      | 252.8    | 1,046.1  | 1,990                                       | 1,395                                 |
| April ..                    | 432.6            | 347.3     | 95.9        | 89.8             | 46.0               | 27.5      | 791.6      | 247.5    | 1,039.1  | 1,976                                       | 1,383                                 |
| May ..                      | 432.4            | 345.1     | 97.6        | 89.0             | 45.7               | 27.4      | 791.4      | 245.8    | 1,037.2  | 1,973                                       | 1,379                                 |
| June ..                     | 431.5            | 342.8     | 99.4        | 88.9             | 45.2               | 27.3      | 791.1      | 244.0    | 1,035.1  | 1,969                                       | 1,374                                 |
| 1958-59—                    | r                | r         | r           | r                | r                  | r         | r          | r        | r        | r                                           | r                                     |
| July ..                     | 432.3            | 343.8     | 100.8       | 89.9             | 45.4               | 26.8      | 794.4      | 244.6    | 1,039.0  | 1,976                                       | 1,376                                 |
| August ..                   | 432.6            | 343.6     | 102.1       | 89.8             | 45.3               | 26.5      | 794.6      | 245.3    | 1,039.9  | 1,978                                       | 1,376                                 |
| September ..                | 432.8            | 344.8     | 101.8       | 90.1             | 45.6               | 26.2      | 795.4      | 245.9    | 1,041.3  | 1,981                                       | 1,375                                 |
| October ..                  | 433.0            | 346.3     | 101.7       | 90.2             | 45.7               | 26.2      | 796.9      | 246.2    | 1,043.1  | 1,984                                       | 1,375                                 |
| November ..                 | 434.2            | 348.1     | 101.6       | 90.4             | 45.7               | 26.5      | 799.4      | 247.1    | 1,046.5  | 1,990                                       | 1,376                                 |
| December ..                 | 431.3            | 346.7     | 95.0        | 90.2             | 45.7               | 27.7      | 792.4      | 244.2    | 1,036.6  | 1,972                                       | 1,361                                 |
| January ..                  | 430.1            | 347.5     | 96.0        | 91.6             | 45.4               | 28.1      | 795.0      | 243.7    | 1,038.7  | 1,975                                       | 1,361                                 |
| February..                  | 433.1            | 353.4     | 99.2        | 91.5             | 45.7               | 27.2      | 800.2      | 249.9    | 1,050.1  | 1,997                                       | 1,373                                 |
| March ..                    | 434.2            | 354.1     | 98.6        | 92.2             | 46.1               | 27.5      | 802.4      | 250.3    | 1,052.7  | 2,002                                       | 1,374                                 |
| April ..                    | 434.8            | 353.2     | 99.3        | 91.9             | 46.2               | 28.1      | 804.3      | 249.2    | 1,053.5  | 2,004                                       | 1,374                                 |
| May ..                      | 436.0            | 351.5     | 100.0       | 91.7             | 45.9               | 28.0      | 804.7      | 248.4    | 1,053.1  | 2,003                                       | 1,370                                 |
| June ..                     | 436.9            | 351.7     | 100.9       | 92.2             | 45.3               | 27.5      | 805.6      | 248.9    | 1,054.5  | 2,006                                       | 1,370                                 |
| 1959-60—                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |                                             |                                       |
| July ..                     | 438.0            | 351.5     | 102.3       | 92.5             | 45.3               | 27.1      | 807.6      | 249.1    | 1,056.7  | 2,010                                       | 1,370                                 |
| August ..                   | 439.1            | 353.2     | 102.1       | 92.8             | 45.5               | 27.0      | 808.8      | 250.9    | 1,059.7  | 2,016                                       | 1,372                                 |
| September ..                | 442.9            | 355.7     | 101.2       | 93.7             | 46.0               | 27.0      | 812.6      | 253.9    | 1,066.5  | 2,028                                       | 1,378                                 |
| October ..                  | 444.6            | 358.1     | 100.0       | 94.0             | 46.1               | 27.0      | 813.8      | 256.0    | 1,069.8  | 2,035                                       | 1,381                                 |
| November ..                 | 447.0            | 360.3     | 97.7        | 94.5             | 46.5               | 27.5      | 815.3      | 258.2    | 1,073.5  | 2,042                                       | 1,383                                 |
| December ..                 | 446.8            | 360.5     | 94.2        | 94.6             | 46.2               | 28.4      | 813.7      | 257.0    | 1,070.7  | 2,036                                       | 1,376                                 |
| January ..                  | 448.5            | 362.8     | 95.6        | 96.1             | 46.0               | 29.2      | 819.3      | 258.9    | 1,078.2  | 2,051                                       | 1,384                                 |
| February..                  | 453.1            | 366.7     | 98.4        | 96.5             | 46.7               | 28.5      | 825.5      | 264.4    | 1,089.9  | 2,073                                       | 1,396                                 |
| March ..                    | 454.8            | 369.5     | 98.7        | 97.7             | 46.6               | 28.6      | 829.1      | 266.8    | 1,095.9  | 2,084                                       | 1,401                                 |

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1959, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1959, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

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# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

| Period.                     | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania | Australia.(b) |          |          |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|
|                             |                  |           |             |                  |                    |          | Males.        | Females. | Persons. |
| Average of Monthly Figures— |                  |           |             |                  |                    |          |               |          |          |
| 1952-53.. ..                | 90.1             | 66.1      | 30.0        | 22.4             | 18.1               | 7.2      | 124.2         | 110.4    | 234.6    |
| 1953-54.. ..                | 93.0             | 67.5      | 30.6        | 23.1             | 19.0               | 7.5      | 127.2         | 114.0    | 241.2    |
| 1954-55.. ..                | 96.3             | 69.9      | 31.2        | 24.2             | 19.6               | 7.7      | 129.7         | 120.0    | 249.7    |
| 1955-56.. ..                | 97.7             | 71.4      | 31.7        | 25.3             | 19.8               | 8.0      | 130.6         | 124.3    | 254.9    |
| 1956-57.. ..                | 96.3             | 71.2      | 32.0        | 24.8             | 19.7               | 7.9      | 130.1         | 123.0    | 253.1    |
| 1957-58.. ..                | 98.8             | 72.5      | 32.5        | 24.7             | 20.0               | 7.8      | 132.4         | 125.2    | 257.6    |
| 1958-59.. ..                | 99.3             | 74.3      | 32.5        | 25.0             | 20.9               | 7.6      | 134.0         | 127.1    | 261.1    |
| At end of Month—            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |          |               |          |          |
| 1957-58—                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |          |               |          |          |
| February ..                 | 99.1             | 72.7      | 32.3        | 24.7             | 20.1               | 7.8      | 133.4         | 124.8    | 258.2    |
| March ..                    | 98.4             | 72.6      | 32.1        | 24.7             | 20.1               | 7.7      | 132.6         | 124.4    | 257.0    |
| April ..                    | 98.2             | 72.8      | 32.2        | 24.7             | 20.1               | 7.7      | 132.5         | 124.6    | 257.1    |
| May ..                      | 99.3             | 73.2      | 32.5        | 24.6             | 20.4               | 7.7      | 133.2         | 126.0    | 259.2    |
| June ..                     | 98.5             | 73.3      | 32.4        | 24.5             | 20.3               | 7.7      | 132.7         | 125.6    | 258.3    |
| 1958-59—                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |          |               |          |          |
| July ..                     | 98.7             | 73.2      | 32.3        | 24.4             | 20.4               | 7.6      | 132.5         | 125.5    | 258.0    |
| August ..                   | 98.0             | 73.1      | 32.2        | 24.4             | 20.3               | 7.5      | 132.2         | 124.9    | 257.1    |
| September ..                | 98.2             | 73.6      | 32.3        | 24.6             | 20.6               | 7.5      | 132.8         | 125.4    | 258.2    |
| October ..                  | 98.9             | 74.0      | 32.3        | 24.8             | 20.6               | 7.5      | 133.2         | 126.4    | 259.6    |
| November ..                 | 102.4            | 75.6      | 33.0        | 25.4             | 21.1               | 7.6      | 135.8         | 130.7    | 266.5    |
| December ..                 | 106.0            | 76.5      | 33.4        | 25.8             | 21.7               | 7.9      | 139.1         | 133.5    | 272.6    |
| January ..                  | 98.6             | 74.4      | 32.5        | 25.1             | 21.2               | 7.8      | 134.1         | 127.0    | 261.1    |
| February ..                 | 98.0             | 74.9      | 32.3        | 24.9             | 20.8               | 7.5      | 133.9         | 126.0    | 259.9    |
| March ..                    | 97.7             | 74.3      | 32.2        | 25.0             | 20.8               | 7.5      | 133.3         | 125.9    | 259.2    |
| April ..                    | 97.9             | 74.2      | 32.2        | 25.0             | 20.8               | 7.6      | 133.1         | 126.1    | 259.2    |
| May ..                      | 99.0             | 74.2      | 32.9        | 25.1             | 21.1               | 7.7      | 133.9         | 127.6    | 261.5    |
| June ..                     | 98.4             | 74.0      | 32.5        | 25.0             | 21.0               | 7.8      | 133.6         | 126.5    | 260.1    |
| 1959-60—                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |          |               |          |          |
| July ..                     | 98.4             | 74.0      | 32.6        | 25.0             | 21.0               | 7.8      | 133.6         | 126.4    | 260.0    |
| August ..                   | 98.5             | 73.9      | 32.7        | 25.0             | 21.1               | 7.7      | 134.1         | 126.3    | 260.4    |
| September ..                | 98.8             | 74.3      | 32.8        | 25.2             | 21.2               | 7.7      | 134.3         | 127.2    | 261.5    |
| October ..                  | 99.1             | 74.7      | 33.1        | 25.5             | 21.6               | 7.8      | 134.8         | 128.5    | 263.3    |
| November ..                 | 103.5            | 76.9      | 33.5        | 26.2             | 21.9               | 7.9      | 137.1         | 134.3    | 271.4    |
| December ..                 | 106.7            | 78.7      | 35.0        | 26.3             | 21.8               | 8.2      | 141.0         | 137.2    | 278.2    |
| January ..                  | 100.8            | 75.8      | 33.4        | 26.1             | 21.7               | 8.1      | 136.3         | 131.2    | 267.5    |
| February ..                 | 100.3            | 76.3      | 33.2        | 26.1             | 21.8               | 8.0      | 136.8         | 130.4    | 267.2    |
| March ..                    | 101.0            | 76.0      | 33.3        | 25.9             | 21.9               | 7.9      | 136.4         | 131.0    | 267.4    |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

| Period.                            | Unemployment.    |           |             |                  |                    |           |      |        |            | Sickness. | Special.   |                       |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|--------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|
|                                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |      |        |            |           | Ordinary.  | Migrant. <sup>b</sup> |
|                                    | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia. |           | Australia. | Australia.            |
| <b>Average of Monthly Figures—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |      |        |            |           |            |                       |
| 1949-50(c) ..                      | d 8,327          | 123       | 1,371       | (e) 241          | 155                | 30        | (f)  | (g)    | 10,247     | 7,585     | 897        | (h)                   |
| 1950-51(c) ..                      | d 287            | 71        | 326         | (e) 6            | 59                 | 14        | (f)  | (g)    | 763        | 7,059     | 863        | (h)                   |
| 1951-52 ..                         | d 949            | 220       | 1,374       | (e) 24           | 64                 | 16        | (f)  | (g)    | 2,647      | 6,454     | 993        | (h)                   |
| 1952-53 ..                         | d 17,590         | 6,168     | 4,281       | (e) 842          | 841                | 262       | (f)  | (g)    | 29,984     | 7,140     | 1,408      | (i) 415               |
| 1953-54 ..                         | d 6,495          | 2,698     | 3,169       | (e) 252          | 406                | 212       | (f)  | (g)    | 13,232     | 7,994     | 1,868      | 426                   |
| 1954-55 ..                         | 1,440            | 538       | 1,408       | 66               | 153                | 81        | 1    | 3      | 3,690      | 7,984     | 1,983      | 484                   |
| 1955-56 ..                         | 1,362            | 479       | 1,511       | 83               | 515                | 57        | 1    | 6      | 4,014      | 7,303     | 1,973      | 464                   |
| 1956-57 ..                         | 4,151            | 3,349     | 2,343       | 702              | 1,972              | 134       | ..   | 15     | 12,666     | 6,992     | 2,012      | 823                   |
| 1957-58 ..                         | 8,706            | 5,127     | 5,588       | 1,566            | 2,360              | 512       | 9    | 32     | 23,900     | 7,314     | 2,107      | 611                   |
| 1958-59 ..                         | 11,588           | 5,743     | 4,883       | 1,603            | 2,838              | 611       | 5    | 40     | 27,311     | 8,241     | 2,147      | 463                   |
| <b>Last Saturday of Month—</b>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |      |        |            |           |            |                       |
| 1957-58—                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |      |        |            |           |            |                       |
| March ..                           | 8,673            | 4,135     | 7,814       | 1,521            | 2,018              | 243       | 33   | 48     | 24,485     | 7,299     | 2,153      | 378                   |
| April ..                           | 9,533            | 5,006     | 7,831       | 1,873            | 2,214              | 296       | 23   | 35     | 26,811     | 7,381     | 2,191      | 322                   |
| May ..                             | 10,465           | 5,894     | 5,799       | 2,075            | 2,543              | 459       | 10   | 37     | 27,282     | 7,970     | 2,216      | 162                   |
| June ..                            | 11,669           | 6,899     | 4,905       | 2,258            | 3,005              | 639       | 9    | 34     | 29,418     | 8,001     | 2,149      | 75                    |
| 1958-59—                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |      |        |            |           |            |                       |
| July ..                            | 12,054           | 7,442     | 3,907       | 2,385            | 3,363              | 712       | 8    | 44     | 29,915     | 8,044     | 2,093      | 220                   |
| August ..                          | 11,309           | 7,435     | 3,176       | 2,204            | 3,219              | 891       | 3    | 41     | 28,278     | 8,703     | 2,091      | 256                   |
| September ..                       | 10,587           | 6,735     | 2,984       | 1,930            | 2,875              | 849       | 3    | 39     | 26,002     | 8,472     | 2,040      | 745                   |
| October ..                         | 10,267           | 5,656     | 2,874       | 1,706            | 2,709              | 789       | 1    | 35     | 24,037     | 8,651     | 2,071      | 142                   |
| November ..                        | 9,827            | 4,916     | 3,031       | 1,505            | 2,354              | 635       | 2    | 32     | 22,302     | 8,695     | 2,112      | 203                   |
| December ..                        | 11,819           | 5,436     | 5,460       | 1,703            | 2,501              | 580       | 4    | 62     | 27,565     | 7,888     | 2,034      | 690                   |
| January ..                         | 12,794           | 5,389     | 8,359       | 1,461            | 3,009              | 411       | 10   | 53     | 31,486     | 7,778     | 2,157      | 539                   |
| February ..                        | 12,032           | 4,572     | 6,866       | 1,321            | 2,914              | 454       | 10   | 38     | 28,207     | 7,791     | 2,235      | 426                   |
| March ..                           | 11,952           | 4,548     | 6,769       | 1,116            | 2,850              | 398       | 7    | 29     | 27,669     | 7,762     | 2,157      | 519                   |
| April ..                           | 12,237           | 5,136     | 5,057       | 1,254            | 2,652              | 446       | 10   | 32     | 26,824     | 8,188     | 2,214      | 390                   |
| May ..                             | 12,116           | 5,643     | 5,631       | 1,317            | 2,674              | 497       | 4    | 42     | 27,924     | 8,450     | 2,293      | 872                   |
| June ..                            | 12,062           | 6,013     | 4,477       | 1,332            | 2,939              | 670       | 5    | 30     | 27,528     | 8,473     | 2,164      | 553                   |
| 1959-60—                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |      |        |            |           |            |                       |
| July ..                            | 12,524           | 6,339     | 3,008       | 1,444            | 3,279              | 798       | 5    | 45     | 27,442     | 8,786     | 2,244      | 479                   |
| August ..                          | 10,888           | 6,012     | 2,608       | 1,411            | 2,993              | 932       | 4    | 39     | 24,887     | 9,069     | 2,187      | 470                   |
| September ..                       | 9,232            | 5,281     | 2,902       | 1,226            | 2,670              | 816       | 6    | 30     | 22,163     | 9,223     | 2,268      | 199                   |
| October ..                         | 7,832            | 4,302     | 3,121       | 1,158            | 2,436              | 714       | 5    | 30     | 19,598     | 8,977     | 2,241      | 624                   |
| November ..                        | 6,954            | 3,727     | 4,502       | 1,115            | 2,113              | 600       | 5    | 21     | 19,037     | 8,990     | 2,245      | 131                   |
| December ..                        | 7,381            | 4,044     | 6,814       | 1,120            | 2,538              | 546       | 4    | 22     | 22,469     | 8,525     | 2,244      | 436                   |
| January ..                         | 7,849            | 3,946     | 7,765       | 1,152            | 2,638              | 397       | 7    | 27     | 23,781     | 8,188     | 2,326      | 480                   |
| February ..                        | 6,568            | 3,263     | 6,472       | 988              | 2,325              | 371       | 6    | 27     | 20,020     | 8,458     | 2,403      | 118                   |
| March ..                           | 6,011            | 3,254     | 5,356       | 1,034            | 2,073              | 286       | 6    | 22     | 18,042     | 8,842     | 2,410      | 388                   |

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII, of the *Social Services Act 1947-1958*. (d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes the Northern Territory. (f) Included with South Australia. (g) Included with New South Wales. (h) Not available. (i) Eight months only.

# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                 | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a) |          |          | Amount paid in Benefits during Month. |           |           |                  |         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|---------|
|                         | Males.                                      | Females. | Persons. | Unem-<br>ployment.                    | Sickness. | Special—  |                  | Total.  |
|                         |                                             |          |          |                                       |           | Ordinary. | Migrants.<br>(b) |         |
|                         |                                             |          |          | £                                     | £         | £         | £                | £       |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                             |          |          |                                       |           |           |                  |         |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 10,854                                      | 2,571    | 13,425   | 105,506                               | 68,001    | 35,361    |                  | 208,868 |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 881                                         | 111      | 992      | 5,204                                 | 62,143    | 5,568     | 13,520           | 86,435  |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 1,771                                       | 520      | 2,291    | 15,584                                | 59,157    | 6,911     | 2,319            | 83,971  |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 12,793                                      | 1,797    | 14,590   | 380,812                               | 116,108   | 16,197    | 8,172            | 521,289 |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 4,368                                       | 810      | 5,178    | 208,788                               | 139,633   | 25,639    | 4,561            | 378,621 |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 1,529                                       | 496      | 2,025    | 56,620                                | 133,987   | 24,848    | 4,534            | 219,989 |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 2,525                                       | 590      | 3,115    | 55,985                                | 126,589   | 25,585    | 5,433            | 213,592 |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 6,811                                       | 1,192    | 8,003    | 174,670                               | 124,877   | 26,954    | 6,785            | 333,286 |
| 1957-58.. ..            | 9,951                                       | 2,039    | 11,990   | 409,981                               | 154,771   | 32,868    | 13,275           | 610,895 |
| 1958-59.. ..            | 9,619                                       | 2,466    | 12,085   | 496,623                               | 183,044   | 34,963    | 6,395            | 721,025 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                             |          |          |                                       |           |           |                  |         |
| 1957-58—                |                                             |          |          |                                       |           |           |                  |         |
| March(c) ..             | 10,629                                      | 2,661    | 13,290   | 479,702                               | 179,936   | 39,326    | 5,594            | 704,558 |
| April ..                | 9,264                                       | 2,508    | 11,772   | 450,781                               | 167,238   | 37,634    | 7,175            | 662,828 |
| May(c) ..               | 12,160                                      | 3,248    | 15,408   | 515,038                               | 188,744   | 43,205    | 6,289            | 753,276 |
| June ..                 | 10,432                                      | 2,577    | 13,009   | 453,460                               | 172,398   | 35,493    | 3,198            | 664,549 |
| 1958-59—                |                                             |          |          |                                       |           |           |                  |         |
| July ..                 | 9,983                                       | 2,466    | 12,449   | 490,555                               | 170,695   | 32,698    | 5,085            | 699,033 |
| August(c) ..            | 10,951                                      | 2,724    | 13,675   | 564,035                               | 206,765   | 37,461    | 5,613            | 813,874 |
| September ..            | 7,611                                       | 1,966    | 9,577    | 474,595                               | 187,927   | 34,092    | 2,282            | 698,896 |
| October ..              | 6,531                                       | 1,714    | 8,245    | 482,293                               | 192,288   | 34,680    | 4,731            | 713,992 |
| November(c) ..          | 7,786                                       | 2,323    | 10,109   | 431,353                               | 195,064   | 34,838    | 1,661            | 662,916 |
| December ..             | 10,291                                      | 1,906    | 12,197   | 393,651                               | 156,186   | 31,778    | 5,979            | 587,594 |
| January(c) ..           | 17,160                                      | 2,603    | 19,763   | 605,009                               | 171,145   | 29,778    | 12,245           | 818,177 |
| February ..             | 9,567                                       | 2,580    | 12,147   | 573,460                               | 168,319   | 37,133    | 9,395            | 788,307 |
| March ..                | 7,709                                       | 2,652    | 10,361   | 472,622                               | 174,224   | 34,235    | 5,915            | 686,996 |
| April ..                | 8,094                                       | 2,748    | 10,842   | 508,367                               | 194,758   | 40,303    | 5,911            | 749,339 |
| May(c) ..               | 10,863                                      | 3,416    | 14,279   | 492,654                               | 196,075   | 37,562    | 6,511            | 732,802 |
| June ..                 | 8,880                                       | 2,492    | 11,372   | 470,654                               | 183,081   | 35,002    | 11,647           | 700,384 |
| 1959-60—                |                                             |          |          |                                       |           |           |                  |         |
| July ..                 | 8,467                                       | 2,605    | 11,072   | 535,299                               | 220,331   | 42,890    | 9,177            | 807,697 |
| August(c) ..            | 8,942                                       | 2,697    | 11,639   | 442,688                               | 184,902   | 34,048    | 12,854           | 674,492 |
| September ..            | 6,145                                       | 1,814    | 7,959    | 419,221                               | 202,451   | 39,707    | 2,802            | 664,181 |
| October(c) ..           | 5,974                                       | 2,038    | 8,012    | 385,693                               | 195,201   | 35,905    | 2,678            | 619,477 |
| November ..             | 5,776                                       | 1,549    | 7,325    | 338,603                               | 188,423   | 38,135    | Cr. 856          | 564,305 |
| December ..             | 8,226                                       | 1,725    | 9,951    | 386,552                               | 182,536   | 36,809    | 2,971            | 608,868 |
| January(c) ..           | 11,686                                      | 2,352    | 14,038   | 450,905                               | 176,289   | 35,276    | 6,224            | 668,694 |
| February ..             | 6,021                                       | 2,093    | 8,114    | 383,919                               | 178,087   | 40,066    | 5,541            | 607,613 |
| March ..                | 5,062                                       | 2,166    | 7,228    | 337,923                               | 208,492   | 42,317    | 4,333            | 593,065 |

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.

(b) In reception and training centres.

(c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys,

(£ million.)

| Period.               | Gro-<br>ceries. | But-<br>chers'<br>Meat. | Other<br>Food.<br>(b) | Beer,<br>Wine<br>and<br>Spirits. | Clothing<br>and<br>Dra-<br>perry. | Foot-<br>wear. | Hard-<br>ware.(c) | Electri-<br>cal<br>Goods.<br>(d) | Furni-<br>ture. | Chem-<br>ists'<br>Goods. | News-<br>papers,<br>Books<br>and<br>Sta-<br>tionery. | Other<br>Goods.<br>(e) | Total<br>(Excl.<br>Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>etc.). | Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>Parts,<br>Petrol,<br>etc.(f) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Quarterly<br>Average— |                 |                         |                       |                                  |                                   |                |                   |                                  |                 |                          |                                                      |                        |                                                 |                                                    |
| 1949-50 ..            | 40.2            | 18.9                    | 32.9                  | 26.2                             | 66.0                              |                | 16.6              | 10.9                             | 13.6            |                          | 51.1                                                 |                        | 276.4                                           | 68.3                                               |
| 1950-51 ..            | 46.5            | 23.1                    | 38.9                  | 30.8                             | 82.1                              |                | 22.8              | 16.2                             | 19.2            |                          | 63.1                                                 |                        | 342.7                                           | 95.5                                               |
| 1951-52 ..            | 58.2            | 29.7                    | 47.0                  | 38.5                             | 87.9                              |                | 27.4              | 19.4                             | 19.0            |                          | 76.9                                                 |                        | 404.0                                           | 108.3                                              |
| 1952-53 ..            | 65.3            | 31.9                    | 51.6                  | 43.3                             | 76.5   12.2                       |                | 28.0              | 19.0                             | 18.2            | 12.7   13.3   52.7       |                                                      |                        | 424.7                                           | 104.8                                              |
| 1953-54 ..            | 68.7            | 33.5                    | 55.9                  | 46.7                             | 96.9                              |                | 30.7              | 22.8                             | 20.2            |                          | 84.1                                                 |                        | 459.5                                           | 123.5                                              |
| 1954-55 ..            | 75.5            | 36.7                    | 61.6                  | 51.1                             | 104.8                             |                | 34.0              | 24.8                             | 21.6            |                          | 92.1                                                 |                        | 502.2                                           | 142.9                                              |
| 1955-56 ..            | 82.2            | 39.7                    | 67.3                  | 55.5                             | 108.3                             |                | 36.1              | 26.2                             | 23.0            |                          | 99.6                                                 |                        | 537.9                                           | 153.4                                              |
| 1956-57 ..            | 86.0            | 42.6                    | 70.7                  | 59.4                             | 95.2   14.9                       |                | 36.3              | 28.4                             | 23.1            | 19.2   17.3   69.4       |                                                      |                        | 562.5                                           | 158.1                                              |
| 1957-58 ..            | 89.6            | 42.7                    | 73.6                  | 62.0                             | 112.8                             |                | 36.6              | 34.6                             | 24.4            |                          | 109.7                                                |                        | 586.0                                           | 171.4                                              |
| 1958-59—p ..          | 94.2            | 44.4                    | 78.1                  | 61.2                             | 100.8   16.2                      |                | 39.7              | 39.5                             | 24.8            | 23.6   18.7   70.1       |                                                      |                        | 611.3                                           | 185.5                                              |
| Quarterly Total—      |                 |                         |                       |                                  |                                   |                |                   |                                  |                 |                          |                                                      |                        |                                                 |                                                    |
| 1955-56—              |                 |                         |                       |                                  |                                   |                |                   |                                  |                 |                          |                                                      |                        |                                                 |                                                    |
| Mar. Qtr... ..        | 81.8            | 39.2                    | 69.1                  | 57.7                             | 92.2                              |                | 33.7              | 24.2                             | 20.5            |                          | 93.2                                                 |                        | 511.6                                           | 147.0                                              |
| June „ ..             | 82.5            | 41.7                    | 66.4                  | 55.3                             | 114.6                             |                | 35.5              | 23.2                             | 22.4            |                          | 96.3                                                 |                        | 537.9                                           | 149.6                                              |
| 1956-57—              |                 |                         |                       |                                  |                                   |                |                   |                                  |                 |                          |                                                      |                        |                                                 |                                                    |
| Sept. „ ..            | 85.6            | 42.8                    | 69.2                  | 54.0                             | 102.1                             |                | 35.3              | 24.7                             | 23.3            |                          | 100.1                                                |                        | 537.1                                           | 154.4                                              |
| Dec. „ ..             | 89.9            | 43.0                    | 73.6                  | 64.9                             | 128.0                             |                | 40.3              | 34.2                             | 26.1            |                          | 120.6                                                |                        | 620.6                                           | 164.0                                              |
| Mar. „ ..             | 82.7            | 41.9                    | 70.3                  | 61.3                             | 94.9                              |                | 34.2              | 26.5                             | 20.9            |                          | 100.5                                                |                        | 533.2                                           | 152.2                                              |
| June „ ..             | 85.7            | 42.7                    | 69.6                  | 57.5                             | 115.2                             |                | 35.3              | 28.1                             | 22.3            |                          | 102.7                                                |                        | 559.1                                           | 161.9                                              |
| 1957-58—              |                 |                         |                       |                                  |                                   |                |                   |                                  |                 |                          |                                                      |                        |                                                 |                                                    |
| Sept. „ ..            | 86.9            | 43.6                    | 69.9                  | 57.3                             | 106.1                             |                | 35.7              | 30.0                             | 24.2            |                          | 103.7                                                |                        | 557.4                                           | 164.7                                              |
| Dec. „ ..             | 92.6            | 42.0                    | 77.4                  | 69.1                             | 132.3                             |                | 41.2              | 39.2                             | 27.4            |                          | 126.3                                                |                        | 647.5                                           | 180.1                                              |
| Mar. „ ..             | 88.2            | 41.9                    | 74.7                  | 63.6                             | 94.9                              |                | 34.8              | 35.2                             | 22.4            |                          | 104.4                                                |                        | 560.1                                           | 167.4                                              |
| June „ ..             | 90.6            | 43.3                    | 72.5                  | 58.2                             | 117.7                             |                | 34.5              | 33.9                             | 23.6            |                          | 104.6                                                |                        | 578.9                                           | 173.6                                              |
| 1958-59—p             |                 |                         |                       |                                  |                                   |                |                   |                                  |                 |                          |                                                      |                        |                                                 |                                                    |
| Sept. „ ..            | 91.7            | 43.9                    | 73.7                  | 56.1                             | 95.5   15.1                       |                | 37.9              | 38.9                             | 24.8            | 22.3   17.2   67.8       |                                                      |                        | 584.9                                           | 180.9                                              |
| Dec. „ ..             | 98.9            | 44.4                    | 81.4                  | 67.2                             | 117.3   18.7                      |                | 45.3              | 45.6                             | 27.8            | 25.5   21.3   80.2       |                                                      |                        | 673.5                                           | 195.1                                              |
| Mar. „ ..             | 92.0            | 43.2                    | 81.5                  | 64.1                             | 82.5   14.0                       |                | 37.0              | 35.9                             | 21.8            | 22.4   18.3   64.2       |                                                      |                        | 576.9                                           | 176.8                                              |
| June „ ..             | 94.1            | 46.3                    | 75.7                  | 57.6                             | 108.0   16.9                      |                | 38.8              | 37.4                             | 24.6            | 24.4   17.8   68.1       |                                                      |                        | 609.7                                           | 189.3                                              |
| 1959-60—p ..          |                 |                         |                       |                                  |                                   |                |                   |                                  |                 |                          |                                                      |                        |                                                 |                                                    |
| Sept. „ ..            | 96.8            | 47.2                    | 78.9                  | 58.7                             | 101.0   16.7                      |                | 39.9              | 43.1                             | 27.1            | 24.1   18.3   68.9       |                                                      |                        | 620.7                                           | 200.7                                              |
| Dec. „ ..             | 104.0           | 46.4                    | 87.6                  | 70.1                             | 125.1   20.5                      |                | 47.9              | 52.0                             | 31.6            | 27.4   22.8   83.7       |                                                      |                        | 717.9                                           | 228.3                                              |
| Mar. „ ..             | 97.6            | 45.9                    | 83.3                  | 67.1                             | 91.4   15.3                       |                | 40.2              | 43.9                             | 25.4            | 24.4   20.2   69.2       |                                                      |                        | 623.9                                           | 207.2                                              |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (f) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

## NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                        | Number<br>of<br>Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) |                                  | Amount Financed.(b) |                                  | Average<br>Proportion<br>of Hire<br>Purchase Sale<br>Financed.(b)<br>(Per cent.) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                |                             | Total.<br>(£'000.) | Average per<br>Agreement.<br>(£) | Total.<br>(£'000.)  | Average per<br>Agreement.<br>(£) |                                                                                  |
| MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC. |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| Monthly Average—               |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1955-56 .. .. .                | 25,483                      | 17,695             | 694                              | 10,493              | 412                              | 59                                                                               |
| 1956-57 .. .. .                | 26,424                      | 18,718             | 708                              | 11,407              | 432                              | 61                                                                               |
| 1957-58 .. .. .                | 29,849                      | 21,472             | 719                              | 13,120              | 440                              | 61                                                                               |
| 1958-59 .. .. .                | 32,933                      | 23,766             | 722                              | 14,749              | 448                              | 62                                                                               |
| Monthly Total—                 |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1958-59—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| March .. .. .                  | 31,160                      | 22,780             | 731                              | 14,123              | 453                              | 62                                                                               |
| April .. .. .                  | 34,603                      | 25,741             | 744                              | 15,957              | 461                              | 62                                                                               |
| May .. .. .                    | 31,785                      | 23,260             | 732                              | 14,458              | 455                              | 62                                                                               |
| June .. .. .                   | 33,412                      | 24,008             | 719                              | 15,215              | 455                              | 63                                                                               |
| 1959-60—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| July .. .. .                   | 34,579                      | 24,667             | 713                              | 15,592              | 451                              | 63                                                                               |
| August .. .. .                 | 35,381                      | 25,479             | 720                              | 16,144              | 456                              | 63                                                                               |
| September .. .. .              | 38,657                      | 28,124             | 728                              | 17,718              | 458                              | 63                                                                               |
| October .. .. .                | 40,273                      | 29,977             | 744                              | 18,932              | 470                              | 63                                                                               |
| November .. .. .               | 39,012                      | 30,095             | 771                              | 19,105              | 490                              | 63                                                                               |
| December .. .. .               | 41,913                      | 32,235             | 769                              | 20,494              | 489                              | 64                                                                               |
| January p .. .. .              | 34,056                      | 23,792             | 699                              | 15,348              | 451                              | 65                                                                               |
| February p .. .. .             | 34,582                      | 25,382             | 734                              | 16,225              | 469                              | 64                                                                               |
| March p .. .. .                | 39,385                      | 29,157             | 740                              | 18,712              | 475                              | 64                                                                               |
| PLANT AND MACHINERY.           |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| Monthly Average—               |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1955-56 .. .. .                | 1,583                       | 991                | 626                              | 615                 | 389                              | 62                                                                               |
| 1956-57 .. .. .                | 1,800                       | 1,206              | 670                              | 763                 | 424                              | 63                                                                               |
| 1957-58 .. .. .                | 1,871                       | 1,319              | 705                              | 850                 | 454                              | 64                                                                               |
| 1958-59 .. .. .                | 2,593                       | 1,831              | 706                              | 1,173               | 452                              | 64                                                                               |
| Monthly Total—                 |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| 1958-59—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| March .. .. .                  | 2,605                       | 1,831              | 703                              | 1,173               | 450                              | 64                                                                               |
| April .. .. .                  | 2,859                       | 1,950              | 682                              | 1,234               | 432                              | 63                                                                               |
| May .. .. .                    | 2,612                       | 1,695              | 649                              | 1,102               | 422                              | 65                                                                               |
| June .. .. .                   | 2,528                       | 1,673              | 662                              | 1,090               | 431                              | 65                                                                               |
| 1959-60—                       |                             |                    |                                  |                     |                                  |                                                                                  |
| July .. .. .                   | 2,633                       | 1,606              | 610                              | 1,013               | 385                              | 63                                                                               |
| August .. .. .                 | 2,399                       | 1,632              | 680                              | 1,075               | 448                              | 66                                                                               |
| September .. .. .              | 2,578                       | 1,897              | 736                              | 1,257               | 488                              | 66                                                                               |
| October .. .. .                | 3,205                       | 2,474              | 772                              | 1,618               | 505                              | 65                                                                               |
| November .. .. .               | 3,509                       | 2,978              | 849                              | 1,895               | 540                              | 64                                                                               |
| December .. .. .               | 3,435                       | 2,717              | 791                              | 1,794               | 522                              | 66                                                                               |
| January p .. .. .              | 2,332                       | 1,789              | 767                              | 1,173               | 503                              | 66                                                                               |
| February p .. .. .             | 2,675                       | 1,950              | 729                              | 1,288               | 481                              | 66                                                                               |
| March p .. .. .                | 3,351                       | 2,713              | 810                              | 1,792               | 535                              | 66                                                                               |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

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# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

| Period.                       | Number<br>of<br>Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) |                           | Amount Financed.(b) |                           | Average<br>Proportion<br>of Hire<br>Purchase Sale<br>Financed.(b)<br><br>(Per cent.) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                               |                             | Total.             | Average per<br>Agreement. | Total.              | Average per<br>Agreement. |                                                                                      |
|                               |                             | (£'000.)           | (£)                       | (£'000.)            | (£)                       |                                                                                      |
| HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS. |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>       |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| 1955-56 .. ..                 | 56,292                      | 4,320              | 77                        | 3,509               | 62                        | 81                                                                                   |
| 1956-57 .. ..                 | 56,473                      | 4,437              | 79                        | 3,564               | 63                        | 80                                                                                   |
| 1957-58 .. ..                 | 67,949                      | 6,965              | 103                       | 5,648               | 83                        | 81                                                                                   |
| 1958-59 .. ..                 | 69,632                      | 6,945              | 100                       | 5,710               | 82                        | 82                                                                                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>         |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| 1958-59—                      |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| March .. ..                   | 64,640                      | 6,233              | 96                        | 5,132               | 79                        | 82                                                                                   |
| April .. ..                   | 65,813                      | 6,562              | 100                       | 5,414               | 82                        | 83                                                                                   |
| May .. ..                     | 63,060                      | 6,351              | 101                       | 5,278               | 84                        | 83                                                                                   |
| June .. ..                    | 64,807                      | 6,284              | 97                        | 5,172               | 80                        | 82                                                                                   |
| 1959-60—                      |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| July .. ..                    | 62,927                      | 6,323              | 100                       | 5,258               | 84                        | 83                                                                                   |
| August .. ..                  | 62,358                      | 6,205              | 100                       | 5,016               | 80                        | 81                                                                                   |
| September ..                  | 70,927                      | 7,161              | 101                       | 5,930               | 84                        | 83                                                                                   |
| October .. ..                 | 73,609                      | 7,365              | 100                       | 6,090               | 83                        | 83                                                                                   |
| November ..                   | 76,533                      | 7,599              | 99                        | 6,262               | 82                        | 82                                                                                   |
| December ..                   | 91,619                      | 8,763              | 96                        | 7,252               | 79                        | 83                                                                                   |
| January p ..                  | 77,871                      | 7,610              | 98                        | 6,241               | 80                        | 82                                                                                   |
| February p ..                 | 66,084                      | 6,858              | 104                       | 5,559               | 84                        | 81                                                                                   |
| March p ..                    | 72,229                      | 8,086              | 112                       | 6,628               | 92                        | 82                                                                                   |
| TOTAL (ALL GOODS).            |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>       |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| 1955-56 .. ..                 | 83,358                      | 23,006             | 276                       | 14,617              | 175                       | 64                                                                                   |
| 1956-57 .. ..                 | 84,697                      | 24,361             | 288                       | 15,734              | 186                       | 65                                                                                   |
| 1957-58 .. ..                 | 99,669                      | 29,756             | 299                       | 19,618              | 197                       | 66                                                                                   |
| 1958-59 .. ..                 | 105,158                     | 32,542             | 309                       | 21,632              | 206                       | 66                                                                                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>         |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| 1958-59—                      |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| March .. ..                   | 98,405                      | 30,844             | 313                       | 20,428              | 208                       | 66                                                                                   |
| April .. ..                   | 103,275                     | 34,253             | 332                       | 22,605              | 219                       | 66                                                                                   |
| May .. ..                     | 97,457                      | 31,306             | 321                       | 20,838              | 214                       | 67                                                                                   |
| June .. ..                    | 100,747                     | 31,965             | 317                       | 21,477              | 213                       | 67                                                                                   |
| 1959-60—                      |                             |                    |                           |                     |                           |                                                                                      |
| July .. ..                    | 100,139                     | 32,596             | 326                       | 21,863              | 218                       | 67                                                                                   |
| August .. ..                  | 100,138                     | 33,316             | 333                       | 22,235              | 222                       | 67                                                                                   |
| September ..                  | 112,162                     | 37,182             | 332                       | 24,905              | 222                       | 67                                                                                   |
| October .. ..                 | 117,087                     | 39,816             | 340                       | 26,640              | 228                       | 67                                                                                   |
| November ..                   | 119,054                     | 40,672             | 342                       | 27,262              | 229                       | 67                                                                                   |
| December ..                   | 136,967                     | 43,715             | 319                       | 29,540              | 216                       | 68                                                                                   |
| January p ..                  | 114,259                     | 33,191             | 290                       | 22,762              | 199                       | 69                                                                                   |
| February p ..                 | 103,341                     | 34,190             | 331                       | 23,072              | 223                       | 67                                                                                   |
| March p ..                    | 114,965                     | 39,956             | 348                       | 27,132              | 236                       | 68                                                                                   |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

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# RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)  
(£'000.)

| As at—             | New South<br>Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South<br>Australia.(c) | Western<br>Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1954—              |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st December ..   | 61,283                 | 38,877    | 26,667      | 17,023                 | 12,525                | 5,918     | 162,293    |
| 1955—              |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st March ..      | 65,216                 | 41,994    | 27,622      | 17,722                 | 13,197                | 6,434     | 172,185    |
| 30th June ..       | 68,952                 | 44,830    | 29,240      | 18,633                 | 14,151                | 7,012     | 182,818    |
| 30th September ..  | 75,069                 | 48,592    | 31,298      | 19,930                 | 15,078                | 7,460     | 197,427    |
| 31st December ..   | 79,546                 | 53,582    | 32,764      | 21,547                 | 16,080                | 7,951     | 211,470    |
| 1956—              |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st March ..      | 78,641                 | 55,500    | 32,350      | 21,507                 | 15,844                | 8,033     | 211,875    |
| 30th June ..       | 78,897                 | 56,533    | 32,266      | 21,618                 | 15,388                | 8,163     | 212,865    |
| 30th September ..  | 80,635                 | 58,345    | 33,962      | 22,772                 | 15,276                | 8,497     | 219,487    |
| 31st December ..   | 83,628                 | 61,640    | 36,089      | 24,751                 | 15,877                | 9,033     | 231,018    |
| 1957—              |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st March ..      | 83,586                 | 62,379    | 36,608      | 25,226                 | 15,331                | 9,049     | 232,179    |
| 30th June ..       | 85,146                 | 64,445    | 36,934      | 25,349                 | 15,488                | 9,023     | 236,385    |
| 31st July ..       | 85,840                 | 65,495    | 37,062      | 25,369                 | 15,558                | 9,008     | 238,332    |
| 31st August ..     | 86,696                 | 66,856    | 37,482      | 25,553                 | 15,760                | 8,998     | 241,345    |
| 30th September ..  | 88,440                 | 67,831    | 37,962      | 25,800                 | 15,982                | 8,985     | 245,000    |
| 31st October ..    | 90,311                 | 69,486    | 38,332      | 26,191                 | 16,398                | 9,028     | 249,746    |
| 30th November ..   | 92,820                 | 71,636    | 39,274      | 26,727                 | 16,900                | 9,219     | 256,576    |
| 31st December ..   | 96,187                 | 74,557    | 40,286      | 27,454                 | 17,470                | 9,457     | 265,411    |
| 1958—              |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st January ..    | 98,066                 | 76,403    | 40,641      | 27,808                 | 17,807                | 9,600     | 270,325    |
| 28th February ..   | 100,097                | 78,365    | 40,943      | 27,921                 | 17,779                | 9,655     | 274,760    |
| 31st March ..      | 102,871                | 79,582    | 41,266      | 27,898                 | 18,155                | 9,798     | 279,570    |
| 30th April ..      | 105,528                | 81,881    | 41,552      | 28,329                 | 18,534                | 9,918     | 285,742    |
| 31st May ..        | 109,199                | 84,079    | 42,111      | 28,628                 | 18,859                | 9,929     | 292,805    |
| 30th June ..       | 111,320                | 85,020    | 42,483      | 28,761                 | 19,052                | 9,932     | 296,568    |
| 31st July ..       | 113,952                | 86,524    | 42,903      | 28,936                 | 19,160                | 9,924     | 301,399    |
| 31st August ..     | 116,680                | 87,797    | 43,420      | 29,172                 | 19,363                | 9,986     | 306,418    |
| 30th September ..  | 119,858                | 89,915    | 44,361      | 29,719                 | 19,605                | 10,109    | 313,567    |
| 31st October ..    | 123,141                | 91,914    | 45,474      | 30,328                 | 20,107                | 10,234    | 321,198    |
| 30th November ..   | 126,513                | 94,219    | 46,303      | 30,965                 | 20,708                | 10,332    | 329,040    |
| 31st December ..   | 130,332                | 96,558    | 47,472      | 31,867                 | 21,201                | 10,665    | 338,095    |
| 1959—              |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st January ..    | 131,699                | 97,257    | 47,784      | 32,180                 | 21,308                | 10,637    | 340,865    |
| 28th February ..   | 132,966                | 97,731    | 48,097      | 32,332                 | 20,570                | 10,627    | 342,323    |
| 31st March ..      | 134,336                | 98,247    | 48,488      | 32,143                 | 20,526                | 10,609    | 344,349    |
| 30th April ..      | 137,007                | 99,225    | 48,928      | 32,277                 | 20,699                | 10,613    | 348,749    |
| 31st May ..        | 138,784                | 99,959    | 49,348      | 32,587                 | 20,818                | 10,546    | 352,042    |
| 30th June ..       | 140,518                | 100,359   | 49,451      | 32,862                 | 20,779                | 10,546    | 354,515    |
| 31st July ..       | 142,319                | 100,402   | 50,198      | 33,465                 | 20,878                | 10,673    | 357,935    |
| 31st August ..     | 144,139                | 101,641   | 50,880      | 33,754                 | 21,107                | 10,761    | 362,282    |
| 30th September ..  | 146,493                | 103,660   | 51,836      | 34,576                 | 21,407                | 10,819    | 368,791    |
| 31st October ..    | 149,611                | 106,407   | 53,262      | 35,488                 | 21,991                | 10,919    | 377,678    |
| 30th November ..   | 152,572                | 109,430   | 54,904      | 36,577                 | 22,892                | 11,193    | 387,568    |
| 31st December ..   | 157,142                | 113,019   | 56,629      | 38,136                 | 23,633                | 11,537    | 400,096    |
| 1960—              |                        |           |             |                        |                       |           |            |
| 31st January p ..  | 158,419                | 113,976   | 56,914      | 38,450                 | 23,721                | 11,678    | 403,158    |
| 29th February p .. | 158,896                | 114,823   | 57,289      | 38,779                 | 22,869                | 11,751    | 404,407    |
| 31st March p ..    | 160,502                | 116,061   | 57,988      | 39,489                 | 23,287                | 11,749    | 409,076    |

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.

(b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

| Period. |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded. |               |        |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
|         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Taxable Goods.                      | Exempt Goods. | Total. |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15.4                                | 21.8          | 37.2   |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.9                                | 23.6          | 40.5   |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.4                                | 23.4          | 39.8   |
| 1948-49 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30.3                                | 63.1          | 93.4   |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38.0                                | 72.2          | 110.2  |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46.1                                | 94.9          | 141.0  |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52.0                                | 110.1         | 162.1  |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46.3                                | 111.8         | 158.1  |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 57.3                                | 122.2         | 179.5  |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 63.9                                | 141.6         | 205.5  |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 66.5                                | 154.8         | 221.3  |
| 1956-57 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 65.1                                | 168.1         | 233.2  |
| 1957-58 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 70.8                                | 175.5         | 246.3  |
| 1958-59 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 74.2                                | 179.3         | 253.5  |

| Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax. |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | Monthly Net Sales Recorded. |       |       |
|------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                             |       |       |
| 8½%                                            | 12½% | 16½% | 25%  | 30%  |      |      |      |                             |       |       |
| 1958-59—                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                             |       |       |
| December                                       | ..   | ..   | 18.3 | 38.8 | 9.6  | 8.8  | 11.4 | 86.9                        | 188.1 | 275.0 |
| January                                        | ..   | ..   | 10.6 | 28.4 | 7.9  | 4.9  | 8.3  | 60.1                        | 145.1 | 205.2 |
| February                                       | ..   | ..   | 13.3 | 30.4 | 9.2  | 5.8  | 10.8 | 69.5                        | 169.6 | 239.1 |
| March                                          | ..   | ..   | 13.1 | 30.7 | 9.3  | 6.1  | 11.4 | 70.6                        | 170.8 | 241.4 |
| April                                          | ..   | ..   | 13.8 | 31.8 | 10.4 | 6.6  | 12.1 | 74.7                        | 190.1 | 264.8 |
| May                                            | ..   | ..   | 13.0 | 28.8 | 9.8  | 6.8  | 10.8 | 69.2                        | 173.6 | 242.8 |
| June                                           | ..   | ..   | 12.8 | 29.0 | 10.1 | 6.6  | 11.2 | 69.7                        | 191.6 | 261.3 |
| 1959-60—                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                             |       |       |
| July ..                                        | ..   | ..   | 14.1 | 32.4 | 10.1 | 7.8  | 12.0 | 76.4                        | 190.0 | 266.4 |
| August                                         | ..   | ..   | 14.9 | 33.4 | 10.0 | 8.9  | 13.3 | 80.5                        | 193.3 | 273.8 |
| September                                      | ..   | ..   | 15.8 | 36.9 | 11.1 | 9.0  | 14.2 | 87.0                        | 185.2 | 272.2 |
| October                                        | ..   | ..   | 16.7 | 38.5 | 10.5 | 8.9  | 15.4 | 90.0                        | 197.0 | 287.0 |
| November r                                     | ..   | ..   | 18.7 | 41.2 | 10.8 | 9.4  | 15.9 | 96.0                        | 201.6 | 297.6 |
| December (a) r                                 | ..   | ..   | 21.1 | 44.0 | 11.1 | 10.5 | 14.3 | 101.0                       | 207.4 | 308.4 |
| January (a)                                    | ..   | ..   | 12.7 | 30.5 | 7.9  | 5.9  | 9.9  | 66.9                        | 154.5 | 221.4 |

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.          | Producers' Materials for use in— |                   |       |                                   |       |            |        |            |        |               | Fuels and Lubricants. (d) |                 | Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e) |          | Munitions and War Stores. |           |  |            |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|--------|------------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------|--|------------|
|                  | Building and Construction.       | Rural Industries. |       | Manufacturing.                    |       |            |        | Total. (c) |        |               |                           |                 |                                   |          |                           |           |  |            |
|                  |                                  |                   |       | Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>ab</i> |       | Other. (c) |        |            |        |               |                           |                 |                                   |          |                           |           |  |            |
|                  |                                  |                   |       | Class Ia.                         |       | Class Ib.  |        |            |        | Class Ic (5). |                           | Class Ic (1-4). |                                   | CLASS I. |                           | Class II. |  | Class III. |
| Monthly Average— |                                  | %                 |       | %                                 |       | %          |        | %          |        | %             |                           | %               |                                   | %        |                           | %         |  | %          |
| 1936-37 ..       | 347                              | 4.0               | 143   | 1.7                               | (f)   | (f)        | 3,269  | 38.0       | 3,759  | 43.7          | 621                       | 7.2             | 415                               | 4.8      | 31                        | 0.4       |  |            |
| 1937-38 ..       | 472                              | 4.4               | 155   | 1.5                               |       |            | 4,094  | 38.6       | 4,721  | 44.5          | 784                       | 7.4             | 480                               | 4.5      | 36                        | 0.3       |  |            |
| 1938-39 ..       | 385                              | 4.1               | 171   | 1.8                               |       |            | 3,448  | 36.5       | 4,004  | 42.4          | 736                       | 7.8             | 476                               | 5.1      | 88                        | 0.9       |  |            |
| 1952-53 ..       | 1,482                            | 3.5               | 368   | 0.9                               | (f)   | (f)        | 14,228 | 33.4       | 16,078 | 37.8          | 5,313                     | 12.5            | 1,951                             | 4.6      | 755                       | 1.8       |  |            |
| 1953-54 ..       | 1,946                            | 3.4               | 441   | 0.8                               |       |            | 19,548 | 34.6       | 21,935 | 38.8          | 5,633                     | 10.0            | 1,995                             | 3.5      | 351                       | 0.6       |  |            |
| 1954-55 ..       | 3,044                            | 4.3               | 517   | 0.7                               |       |            | 25,691 | 36.7       | 29,252 | 41.7          | 4,790                     | 6.9             | 2,503                             | 3.6      | 728                       | 0.9       |  |            |
| 1955-56 ..       | 2,567                            | 3.8               | 550   | 0.8                               | 5,672 | 8.3        | 25,665 | 37.7       | 34,454 | 50.6          | 3,889                     | 5.7             | 2,357                             | 3.4      | 1,071                     | 1.6       |  |            |
| 1956-57 ..       | 2,062                            | 3.5               | 562   | 0.9                               | 4,300 | 7.2        | 24,723 | 41.4       | 31,647 | 53.0          | 2,343                     | 3.9             | 2,191                             | 3.7      | 745                       | 1.2       |  |            |
| 1957-58 ..       | 1,928                            | 2.9               | 738   | 1.1                               | 4,751 | 7.2        | 27,115 | 41.3       | 34,532 | 52.5          | 2,026                     | 3.1             | 2,223                             | 3.4      | 676                       | 1.0       |  |            |
| 1958-59 ..       | 1,899                            | 2.9               | 670   | 1.0                               | 5,177 | 7.8        | 26,692 | 40.3       | 34,438 | 52.0          | 2,268                     | 3.5             | 2,204                             | 3.3      | 721                       | 1.1       |  |            |
| Monthly Total—   |                                  |                   |       |                                   |       |            |        |            |        |               |                           |                 |                                   |          |                           |           |  |            |
| 1957-58—         |                                  |                   |       |                                   |       |            |        |            |        |               |                           |                 |                                   |          |                           |           |  |            |
| March ..         | 2,043                            | 3.4               | 909   | 1.5                               | 3,111 | 5.2        | 24,118 | 40.7       | 30,181 | 50.8          | 1,598                     | 2.7             | 1,792                             | 3.0      | 672                       | 1.1       |  |            |
| April ..         | 1,829                            | 2.7               | 1,340 | 2.0                               | 3,546 | 5.3        | 29,693 | 44.3       | 36,408 | 54.3          | 1,258                     | 1.9             | 2,477                             | 3.7      | 828                       | 1.2       |  |            |
| May ..           | 1,874                            | 2.8               | 851   | 1.3                               | 5,943 | 8.9        | 25,229 | 38.0       | 33,897 | 51.0          | 2,805                     | 4.2             | 1,918                             | 2.9      | 645                       | 1.0       |  |            |
| June ..          | 2,036                            | 3.2               | 656   | 1.0                               | 5,296 | 8.4        | 26,210 | 41.5       | 34,198 | 54.1          | 1,812                     | 2.9             | 1,732                             | 2.7      | 1,210                     | 2.0       |  |            |
| 1958-59—         |                                  |                   |       |                                   |       |            |        |            |        |               |                           |                 |                                   |          |                           |           |  |            |
| July ..          | 2,075                            | 3.2               | 823   | 1.3                               | 4,642 | 7.3        | 26,596 | 41.7       | 34,136 | 53.5          | 1,556                     | 2.4             | 1,772                             | 2.8      | 867                       | 1.3       |  |            |
| August ..        | 1,722                            | 2.4               | 599   | 0.8                               | 7,156 | 9.8        | 28,715 | 39.4       | 38,192 | 52.4          | 1,926                     | 2.6             | 2,230                             | 3.1      | 836                       | 1.1       |  |            |
| September ..     | 2,281                            | 3.5               | 519   | 0.8                               | 4,816 | 7.3        | 26,132 | 39.9       | 33,748 | 51.5          | 2,358                     | 3.6             | 1,820                             | 2.8      | 898                       | 1.4       |  |            |
| October ..       | 1,676                            | 2.5               | 822   | 1.3                               | 5,159 | 7.9        | 25,655 | 39.1       | 33,312 | 50.8          | 2,820                     | 4.3             | 2,626                             | 4.0      | 1,059                     | 1.6       |  |            |
| November ..      | 1,763                            | 2.5               | 729   | 1.1                               | 5,820 | 8.7        | 27,836 | 41.4       | 36,148 | 53.7          | 2,400                     | 3.6             | 2,897                             | 4.3      | 579                       | 0.9       |  |            |
| December ..      | 2,277                            | 3.7               | 620   | 1.0                               | 4,616 | 7.5        | 26,321 | 42.4       | 33,834 | 54.6          | 1,814                     | 2.9             | 2,691                             | 4.3      | 467                       | 0.8       |  |            |
| January ..       | 2,108                            | 2.8               | 519   | 0.7                               | 4,924 | 6.6        | 33,314 | 44.8       | 40,865 | 54.9          | 2,873                     | 3.9             | 2,612                             | 3.5      | 499                       | 0.6       |  |            |
| February..       | 1,405                            | 2.4               | 625   | 1.1                               | 3,953 | 6.7        | 23,548 | 40.2       | 29,531 | 50.4          | 2,583                     | 4.4             | 1,664                             | 2.8      | 781                       | 1.3       |  |            |
| March ..         | 1,564                            | 2.7               | 579   | 1.0                               | 3,962 | 6.7        | 22,347 | 37.9       | 28,452 | 48.3          | 2,184                     | 3.7             | 1,750                             | 3.0      | 709                       | 1.2       |  |            |
| April ..         | 1,899                            | 2.6               | 822   | 1.1                               | 6,662 | 9.1        | 26,246 | 36.0       | 35,629 | 48.8          | 2,841                     | 3.9             | 2,368                             | 3.3      | 884                       | 1.2       |  |            |
| May ..           | 1,858                            | 2.9               | 710   | 1.1                               | 5,244 | 8.3        | 26,351 | 41.8       | 34,163 | 54.1          | 1,784                     | 2.8             | 1,863                             | 3.0      | 641                       | 1.0       |  |            |
| June ..          | 2,154                            | 3.1               | 673   | 1.0                               | 5,172 | 7.5        | 27,240 | 39.3       | 35,239 | 50.9          | 2,079                     | 3.0             | 2,151                             | 3.1      | 436                       | 0.6       |  |            |
| 1959-60 p—       |                                  |                   |       |                                   |       |            |        |            |        |               |                           |                 |                                   |          |                           |           |  |            |
| July ..          | 2,259                            | 3.2               | 636   | 0.9                               | 5,206 | 7.4        | 28,312 | 40.1       | 36,413 | 51.6          | 2,689                     | 3.8             | 2,318                             | 3.3      | 1,392                     | 2.0       |  |            |
| August ..        | 2,108                            | 3.0               | 700   | 1.0                               | 5,992 | 8.4        | 26,742 | 37.9       | 35,542 | 50.3          | 3,082                     | 4.3             | 2,292                             | 3.2      | 586                       | 0.8       |  |            |
| September ..     | 2,049                            | 3.2               | 531   | 0.8                               | 5,032 | 7.9        | 26,975 | 42.1       | 34,587 | 54.0          | 1,197                     | 1.9             | 2,288                             | 3.6      | 379                       | 0.6       |  |            |
| October ..       | 2,059                            | 2.8               | 730   | 1.0                               | 4,991 | 6.7        | 30,858 | 41.4       | 38,638 | 51.9          | 2,221                     | 3.0             | 2,890                             | 3.9      | 392                       | 0.5       |  |            |
| November ..      | 2,063                            | 2.8               | 581   | 0.8                               | 5,418 | 7.3        | 29,966 | 40.4       | 38,028 | 51.3          | 2,204                     | 3.0             | 2,261                             | 3.0      | 1,497                     | 2.0       |  |            |
| December ..      | 1,997                            | 2.6               | 766   | 1.0                               | 5,388 | 7.1        | 30,342 | 40.0       | 38,493 | 50.7          | 1,920                     | 2.5             | 2,301                             | 3.0      | 887                       | 1.2       |  |            |
| January ..       | 2,340                            | 3.1               | 531   | 0.7                               | 7,482 | 9.9        | 30,417 | 40.4       | 40,770 | 54.1          | 1,062                     | 1.4             | 2,368                             | 3.2      | 879                       | 1.2       |  |            |
| February..       | 3,123                            | 4.0               | 713   | 0.9                               | 5,829 | 7.4        | 29,643 | 37.9       | 39,308 | 50.2          | 2,867                     | 3.7             | 2,106                             | 2.7      | 2,355                     | 3.0       |  |            |
| March ..         | 3,792                            | 4.3               | 776   | 0.9                               | 9,029 | 10.3       | 33,055 | 37.6       | 46,652 | 53.1          | 2,096                     | 2.4             | 2,480                             | 2.8      | 872                       | 1.0       |  |            |

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts.

(c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI, E-J and III, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c).

(f) Included in class Vb. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

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# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Capital Equipment.    |      |                                               |      |                                                |     | Finished Consumer Goods.     |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|----------------|------|-----------|------|
|                         | Producers' Equipment. |      | Transport Equipment.                          |      |                                                |     | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. |     | Clothing and Accessories. |     | All Other.     |      | Total.    |      |
|                         |                       |      | Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis. |      | Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft. |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
|                         |                       |      |                                               |      |                                                |     |                              |     | (a)                       |     | (a)            |      |           |      |
|                         | Class IV.             |      | Class V. B.                                   |      | Class V. A, C, D.                              |     | Class VI. A, B, C.           |     | Class VI. D.              |     | Class VI. E-J. |      | Class VI. |      |
|                         |                       | %    |                                               | %    |                                                | %   |                              | %   |                           | %   |                | %    |           | %    |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                       |      |                                               |      |                                                |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| 1936-37 ..              | 884                   | 10.3 | 872                                           | 10.1 | 146                                            | 1.7 | 516                          | 6.0 | 46                        | 0.5 | 1,316          | 15.3 | 1,878     | 21.8 |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,149                 | 10.8 | 1,161                                         | 11.0 | 205                                            | 1.9 | 531                          | 5.0 | 68                        | 0.6 | 1,480          | 14.0 | 2,079     | 19.6 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,104                 | 11.7 | 899                                           | 9.5  | 119                                            | 1.3 | 564                          | 6.0 | 84                        | 0.9 | 1,361          | 14.4 | 2,009     | 21.3 |
| 1952-53 ..              | 8,409                 | 19.8 | 3,569                                         | 8.3  | 1,703                                          | 4.0 | 1,917                        | 4.5 | 130                       | 0.3 | 2,704          | 6.4  | 4,751     | 11.2 |
| 1953-54 ..              | 9,474                 | 16.8 | 5,769                                         | 10.2 | 1,552                                          | 2.7 | 2,658                        | 4.7 | 446                       | 0.8 | 6,736          | 11.9 | 9,840     | 17.4 |
| 1954-55 ..              | 10,289                | 14.8 | 7,377                                         | 10.5 | 1,824                                          | 2.6 | 3,236                        | 4.6 | 614                       | 0.9 | 9,468          | 13.5 | 13,318    | 19.0 |
| 1955-56 ..              | 11,174                | 16.4 | (b) 1,784                                     | 2.6  | 1,841                                          | 2.7 | 2,276                        | 3.3 | 491                       | 0.7 | 8,854          | 13.0 | 11,621    | 17.0 |
| 1956-57 ..              | 10,132                | 16.9 | 958                                           | 1.6  | 1,616                                          | 2.8 | 2,388                        | 4.0 | 281                       | 0.5 | 7,422          | 12.4 | 10,091    | 16.9 |
| 1957-58 ..              | 12,040                | 18.3 | 1,047                                         | 1.6  | 1,353                                          | 2.1 | 2,523                        | 3.8 | 429                       | 0.6 | 8,923          | 13.6 | 11,875    | 18.0 |
| 1958-59 ..              | 11,613                | 17.5 | 951                                           | 1.4  | 2,220                                          | 3.4 | 2,699                        | 4.1 | 397                       | 0.6 | 8,695          | 13.1 | 11,791    | 17.8 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                       |      |                                               |      |                                                |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| 1957-58—                |                       |      |                                               |      |                                                |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| March ..                | 12,307                | 20.7 | 998                                           | 1.7  | 810                                            | 1.4 | 2,170                        | 3.6 | 601                       | 1.0 | 8,297          | 14.0 | 11,068    | 18.6 |
| April ..                | 11,785                | 17.5 | 1,002                                         | 1.5  | 965                                            | 1.4 | 2,928                        | 4.4 | 511                       | 0.8 | 8,976          | 13.3 | 12,415    | 18.5 |
| May ..                  | 12,167                | 18.2 | 1,076                                         | 1.6  | 1,281                                          | 1.9 | 3,048                        | 4.6 | 352                       | 0.5 | 9,388          | 14.1 | 12,788    | 19.2 |
| June ..                 | 10,822                | 17.1 | 858                                           | 1.3  | 1,014                                          | 1.6 | 1,888                        | 3.0 | 301                       | 0.5 | 9,398          | 14.8 | 11,587    | 18.3 |
| 1958-59—                |                       |      |                                               |      |                                                |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| July ..                 | 10,141                | 15.9 | 750                                           | 1.2  | 3,471                                          | 5.4 | 2,814                        | 4.4 | 403                       | 0.7 | 7,895          | 12.4 | 11,112    | 17.5 |
| August ..               | 13,657                | 18.7 | 1,030                                         | 1.4  | 514                                            | 0.7 | 3,414                        | 4.7 | 538                       | 0.7 | 10,510         | 14.6 | 14,462    | 20.0 |
| September               | 11,821                | 18.0 | 991                                           | 1.5  | 920                                            | 1.4 | 2,931                        | 4.5 | 399                       | 0.6 | 9,651          | 14.7 | 12,981    | 19.8 |
| October ..              | 11,083                | 16.9 | 1,156                                         | 1.7  | 1,624                                          | 2.5 | 2,635                        | 4.1 | 312                       | 0.5 | 8,847          | 13.7 | 11,794    | 18.2 |
| November                | 12,004                | 17.8 | 870                                           | 1.3  | 624                                            | 0.9 | 2,626                        | 3.9 | 301                       | 0.4 | 9,073          | 13.2 | 12,000    | 17.5 |
| December                | 10,879                | 17.6 | 966                                           | 1.6  | 832                                            | 1.3 | 2,291                        | 3.7 | 361                       | 0.6 | 7,771          | 12.6 | 10,423    | 16.9 |
| January ..              | 12,507                | 16.8 | 1,087                                         | 1.5  | 1,220                                          | 1.6 | 2,916                        | 3.9 | 510                       | 0.7 | 9,305          | 12.6 | 12,731    | 17.2 |
| February                | 10,445                | 17.8 | 784                                           | 1.3  | 2,188                                          | 3.8 | 2,696                        | 4.6 | 467                       | 0.8 | 7,405          | 12.8 | 10,568    | 18.2 |
| March ..                | 10,704                | 18.2 | 912                                           | 1.5  | 3,763                                          | 6.4 | 2,529                        | 4.3 | 458                       | 0.8 | 7,403          | 12.6 | 10,390    | 17.7 |
| April ..                | 13,485                | 18.5 | 1,123                                         | 1.5  | 4,460                                          | 6.6 | 2,179                        | 3.0 | 490                       | 0.7 | 9,623          | 13.0 | 12,292    | 16.7 |
| May ..                  | 10,481                | 16.6 | 661                                           | 1.1  | 2,610                                          | 4.1 | 2,748                        | 4.4 | 264                       | 0.4 | 7,850          | 12.5 | 10,862    | 17.3 |
| June ..                 | 12,151                | 17.5 | 1,078                                         | 1.5  | 4,415                                          | 6.4 | 2,608                        | 3.8 | 262                       | 0.4 | 8,929          | 12.8 | 11,799    | 17.0 |
| 1959-60 p—              |                       |      |                                               |      |                                                |     |                              |     |                           |     |                |      |           |      |
| July ..                 | 12,248                | 17.3 | 769                                           | 1.1  | 2,920                                          | 4.1 | 2,592                        | 3.6 | 347                       | 0.5 | 8,925          | 12.7 | 11,864    | 16.8 |
| August ..               | 11,572                | 16.4 | 964                                           | 1.4  | 4,365                                          | 6.1 | 2,957                        | 4.2 | 471                       | 0.7 | 8,946          | 12.6 | 12,374    | 17.5 |
| September               | 11,072                | 17.3 | 778                                           | 1.2  | 1,524                                          | 2.4 | 2,976                        | 4.6 | 372                       | 0.6 | 8,874          | 13.8 | 12,222    | 19.0 |
| October ..              | 12,168                | 16.3 | 936                                           | 1.3  | 3,336                                          | 4.5 | 3,570                        | 4.8 | 272                       | 0.3 | 10,041         | 13.5 | 13,883    | 18.6 |
| November                | 13,461                | 18.2 | 824                                           | 1.1  | 2,247                                          | 3.0 | 2,663                        | 3.6 | 376                       | 0.5 | 10,595         | 14.3 | 13,634    | 18.4 |
| December                | 15,185                | 20.0 | 1,122                                         | 1.4  | 2,941                                          | 3.9 | 2,850                        | 3.8 | 413                       | 0.5 | 9,869          | 13.0 | 13,132    | 17.3 |
| January ..              | 14,016                | 18.6 | 1,185                                         | 1.6  | 1,624                                          | 2.1 | 3,088                        | 4.1 | 507                       | 0.7 | 9,844          | 13.0 | 13,439    | 17.8 |
| February                | 13,817                | 17.7 | 980                                           | 1.2  | 3,261                                          | 4.2 | 3,358                        | 4.3 | 617                       | 0.8 | 9,604          | 12.2 | 13,579    | 17.3 |
| March ..                | 15,658                | 17.8 | 1,458                                         | 1.6  | 2,191                                          | 2.5 | 3,633                        | 4.1 | 756                       | 0.9 | 12,139         | 13.8 | 16,528    | 18.8 |

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class 1c.

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# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Producers' Materials.<br>(Class I.) (a) |                     |                          | Finished Consumer Goods.<br>(Class VI.) (b) |                     |                          | Total Imports of Merchandise.<br>(All Classes.) |                     |                          |         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|
|                         | Crude.                                  | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.                                      | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.                                          | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total.  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                         |                     |                          |                                             |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |         |
| 1936-37 ..              | 1,024                                   | 373                 | 2,362                    | 45                                          | 303                 | 1,530                    | 1,069                                           | 1,505               | 6,032                    | 8,606   |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,241                                   | 449                 | 3,031                    | 48                                          | 300                 | 1,731                    | 1,289                                           | 1,796               | 7,530                    | 10,615  |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,100                                   | 351                 | 2,553                    | 55                                          | 309                 | 1,645                    | 1,155                                           | 1,627               | 6,653                    | 9,435   |
| 1952-53 ..              | 4,712                                   | 2,195               | 9,171                    | 251                                         | 1,182               | 3,318                    | 4,963                                           | 9,443               | 28,123                   | 42,529  |
| 1953-54 ..              | 6,260                                   | 3,189               | 12,486                   | 385                                         | 1,471               | 7,984                    | 6,645                                           | 11,384              | 38,520                   | 56,549  |
| 1954-55 ..              | 8,818                                   | 4,986               | 15,448                   | 428                                         | 2,082               | 10,808                   | 9,246                                           | 13,167              | 47,668                   | 70,081  |
| 1955-56 ..              | 10,095                                  | 4,557               | c19,802                  | 423                                         | 1,191               | 10,007                   | 10,518                                          | 10,913              | 46,760                   | 68,191  |
| 1956-57 ..              | 10,650                                  | 4,741               | 16,256                   | 497                                         | 1,450               | 8,144                    | 11,147                                          | 9,623               | 38,953                   | 59,723  |
| 1957-58 ..              | 11,563                                  | 5,501               | 17,468                   | 600                                         | 1,359               | 9,916                    | 12,163                                          | 10,089              | 43,520                   | 65,772  |
| 1958-59 ..              | 11,628                                  | 4,954               | 17,856                   | 565                                         | 1,550               | 9,676                    | 12,193                                          | 9,961               | 44,052                   | 66,206  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                         |                     |                          |                                             |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |         |
| 1957-58—                |                                         |                     |                          |                                             |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |         |
| March ..                | 10,312                                  | 5,433               | 14,436                   | 675                                         | 875                 | 9,518                    | 10,987                                          | 8,947               | 39,492                   | 59,426  |
| April ..                | 14,729                                  | 5,749               | 15,930                   | 686                                         | 1,488               | 10,241                   | 15,415                                          | 9,630               | 42,093                   | 67,138  |
| May ..                  | 10,819                                  | 5,135               | 17,943                   | 673                                         | 1,698               | 10,417                   | 11,492                                          | 10,869              | 44,216                   | 66,577  |
| June ..                 | 10,957                                  | 5,326               | 17,915                   | 425                                         | 998                 | 10,164                   | 11,382                                          | 9,281               | 42,570                   | 63,233  |
| 1958-59—                |                                         |                     |                          |                                             |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |         |
| July ..                 | 13,226                                  | 4,844               | 16,066                   | 517                                         | 1,742               | 8,853                    | 13,743                                          | 9,224               | 40,838                   | 63,805  |
| August ..               | 9,869                                   | 6,143               | 22,180                   | 544                                         | 2,266               | 11,652                   | 10,413                                          | 11,762              | 50,672                   | 72,847  |
| September ..            | 10,969                                  | 4,947               | 17,832                   | 534                                         | 1,922               | 10,525                   | 11,503                                          | 10,499              | 43,535                   | 65,537  |
| October ..              | 10,253                                  | 5,495               | 17,564                   | 622                                         | 1,290               | 9,882                    | 10,875                                          | 10,702              | 43,897                   | 65,474  |
| November ..             | 12,642                                  | 4,585               | 18,921                   | 537                                         | 1,517               | 9,946                    | 13,179                                          | 9,776               | 44,567                   | 67,522  |
| December ..             | 12,808                                  | 4,498               | 16,528                   | 499                                         | 1,151               | 8,773                    | 13,307                                          | 8,641               | 39,958                   | 61,906  |
| January ..              | 15,987                                  | 5,495               | 19,383                   | 581                                         | 1,623               | 10,527                   | 16,568                                          | 11,299              | 46,527                   | 74,394  |
| February ..             | 10,597                                  | 3,939               | 14,995                   | 555                                         | 1,498               | 8,495                    | 11,152                                          | 9,063               | 38,329                   | 58,544  |
| March ..                | 8,986                                   | 4,053               | 15,413                   | 724                                         | 1,444               | 8,222                    | 9,710                                           | 8,694               | 40,460                   | 58,864  |
| April ..                | 10,084                                  | 5,310               | 20,235                   | 494                                         | 1,175               | 10,623                   | 10,578                                          | 10,644              | 51,860                   | 73,082  |
| May ..                  | 12,838                                  | 4,378               | 16,947                   | 486                                         | 1,586               | 8,790                    | 13,324                                          | 8,821               | 40,920                   | 63,065  |
| June ..                 | 11,277                                  | 5,757               | 18,205                   | 688                                         | 1,385               | 9,726                    | 11,965                                          | 10,412              | 46,971                   | 69,348  |
| 1959-60 p—              |                                         |                     |                          |                                             |                     |                          |                                                 |                     |                          |         |
| July ..                 | 11,046                                  | 5,984               | 19,383                   | 706                                         | 1,460               | 9,698                    | 11,752                                          | 11,413              | 47,448                   | 70,613  |
| August ..               | 11,017                                  | 5,054               | 19,471                   | 693                                         | 1,653               | r10,028                  | 11,710                                          | 11,081              | r47,986                  | r70,777 |
| September ..            | 11,801                                  | 5,642               | 17,144                   | 601                                         | 1,577               | 10,031                   | 12,402                                          | 9,575               | 42,070                   | r64,047 |
| October ..              | 14,549                                  | 5,796               | 18,293                   | 840                                         | 1,330               | 11,713                   | 15,389                                          | 10,690              | 48,385                   | 74,464  |
| November ..             | 12,855                                  | 6,277               | 18,896                   | 598                                         | 1,048               | 11,988                   | 13,453                                          | 10,833              | 49,870                   | 74,156  |
| December ..             | 12,611                                  | 5,811               | 20,071                   | 501                                         | 1,518               | 11,113                   | 13,112                                          | 10,603              | 52,266                   | 75,981  |
| January ..              | 13,413                                  | 5,018               | 22,339                   | 555                                         | 1,353               | 11,531                   | 13,968                                          | 8,864               | 52,511                   | 75,343  |
| February ..             | 12,594                                  | 6,177               | 20,537                   | 855                                         | 1,560               | 11,164                   | 13,449                                          | 11,907              | 52,917                   | 78,273  |
| March ..                | 14,747                                  | 6,438               | 25,467                   | 788                                         | 2,149               | 13,591                   | 15,535                                          | 12,275              | 60,125                   | 87,935  |

(a) See note (c) page 17. (b) See note (a) page 18. (c) See note (g) page 17.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

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# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period.                 | Meats.   | Butter. | Wheat and Flour. | Fresh Fruits. | Dried Fruits. | Sugar and Sugar Syrups. | Hides and Skins. | Wool.  | Lead. | Total Exports of Merchandise. |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |        |       |                               |
| 1936-37..               | (a)861   | 734     | 2,029            | 165           | 172           | 309                     | 609              | 5,209  | 402   | 12,316                        |
| 1937-38..               | (a)1,021 | 898     | 2,245            | 171           | 224           | 336                     | 516              | 3,915  | 409   | 11,719                        |
| 1938-39..               | (a)982   | 1,074   | 1,106            | 169           | 239           | 348                     | 342              | 3,561  | 356   | 10,128                        |
| 1952-53..               | 5,481    | 1,675   | 7,449            | 791           | 669           | 1,805                   | 1,677            | 33,576 | 2,116 | 70,708                        |
| 1953-54..               | 4,817    | 1,338   | 5,053            | 782           | 616           | 2,639                   | 1,620            | 34,202 | 2,004 | 67,655                        |
| 1954-55..               | 5,291    | 2,049   | 5,461            | 731           | 703           | 2,604                   | 1,642            | 29,426 | 2,070 | 63,170                        |
| 1955-56..               | 5,039    | 2,414   | 5,513            | 762           | 650           | 2,070                   | 1,740            | 28,127 | 2,106 | 64,236                        |
| 1956-57..               | 4,250    | 2,152   | 6,811            | 715           | 549           | 2,407                   | 2,022            | 40,310 | 2,684 | 81,083                        |
| 1957-58..               | 4,602    | 1,303   | 3,570            | 1,089         | 762           | 2,919                   | 2,116            | 31,116 | 1,829 | 67,525                        |
| 1958-59..               | 8,100    | 2,079   | 4,309            | 785           | 1,062         | 2,687                   | 1,964            | 25,187 | 1,580 | 67,226                        |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |        |       |                               |
| <b>1957-58—</b>         |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |        |       |                               |
| March ..                | 3,320    | 951     | 2,202            | 1,488         | 484           | 1,734                   | 1,885            | 32,012 | 1,625 | 60,937                        |
| April ..                | 3,447    | 424     | 2,220            | 3,183         | 1,000         | 1,272                   | 1,417            | 22,495 | 1,869 | 52,861                        |
| May ..                  | 4,346    | 570     | 2,661            | 4,525         | 2,062         | 760                     | 1,491            | 25,173 | 995   | 64,338                        |
| June ..                 | 5,181    | 933     | 2,574            | 2,463         | 1,194         | 280                     | 1,334            | 20,484 | 1,859 | 54,434                        |
| <b>1958-59—</b>         |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |        |       |                               |
| July ..                 | 7,413    | 1,104   | 3,896            | 335           | 1,973         | 2,345                   | 1,672            | 22,321 | 1,731 | 61,434                        |
| August ..               | 6,613    | 840     | 3,500            | 209           | 2,056         | 3,276                   | 1,763            | 10,577 | 1,122 | 47,245                        |
| September ..            | 6,158    | 1,586   | 3,844            | 95            | 1,595         | 4,961                   | 2,032            | 17,446 | 1,480 | 55,689                        |
| October ..              | 9,004    | 2,946   | 4,352            | 163           | 901           | 5,054                   | 1,819            | 28,912 | 1,875 | 73,971                        |
| November ..             | 8,973    | 2,243   | 2,253            | 140           | 309           | 2,144                   | 1,782            | 26,642 | 1,998 | 66,196                        |
| December ..             | 9,443    | 3,610   | 4,263            | 19            | 184           | 3,230                   | 1,916            | 33,262 | 1,500 | 75,655                        |
| January ..              | 9,183    | 3,312   | 4,500            | 14            | 40            | 1,727                   | 1,714            | 25,112 | 1,725 | 66,909                        |
| February ..             | 8,463    | 3,591   | 6,478            | 153           | 23            | 2,298                   | 1,912            | 26,911 | 2,030 | 73,546                        |
| March ..                | 7,952    | 1,173   | 3,993            | 1,038         | 87            | 1,984                   | 1,689            | 28,048 | 1,034 | 66,413                        |
| April ..                | 7,548    | 1,660   | 4,720            | 2,569         | 970           | 2,499                   | 2,202            | 26,074 | 1,591 | 72,247                        |
| May ..                  | 7,170    | 1,794   | 3,771            | 3,439         | 2,021         | 2,153                   | 2,423            | 30,911 | 1,664 | 76,667                        |
| June ..                 | 9,283    | 1,097   | 6,143            | 1,239         | 2,589         | 577                     | 2,648            | 26,027 | 1,213 | 70,733                        |
| <b>1959-60 p—</b>       |          |         |                  |               |               |                         |                  |        |       |                               |
| July ..                 | 7,418    | 1,637   | 5,396            | 231           | 1,843         | 893                     | 2,991            | 27,141 | 717   | 66,483                        |
| August ..               | 11,919   | 1,200   | 6,675            | 254           | 1,427         | 3,000                   | 3,170            | 15,591 | 1,111 | 64,079                        |
| September ..            | 8,258    | 2,083   | 6,632            | 48            | 1,245         | 1,722                   | 3,331            | 22,485 | 678   | 68,826                        |
| October ..              | 8,790    | 2,887   | 4,388            | 215           | 1,307         | 4,213                   | 2,801            | 35,784 | 1,412 | 84,644                        |
| November ..             | 7,660    | 5,040   | 6,909            | 128           | 223           | 2,861                   | 2,506            | 39,423 | 1,963 | 87,679                        |
| December ..             | 7,950    | 4,155   | 5,813            | 104           | 156           | 514                     | 2,919            | 49,949 | 1,069 | 96,931                        |
| January ..              | 6,243    | 4,276   | 6,562            | 48            | 66            | 2,318                   | 1,905            | 33,873 | 747   | 74,284                        |
| February ..             | 5,843    | 2,672   | 9,665            | 219           | 91            | 1,655                   | 2,354            | 35,569 | 1,261 | 79,532                        |
| March ..                | 5,475    | 1,878   | 8,349            | 1,214         | 222           | 2,614                   | 2,393            | 39,480 | 1,122 | 88,592                        |

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbol p, see page I.

## SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000.)

| Period.         | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)                 |                            |                                               |                              |                                                        |                                                         | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.<br>(b) (c) |                                    |                                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                 | 23<br>Manufacturing and<br>Distributing<br>Companies. | 10<br>Retail<br>Companies. | 4<br>Pastoral<br>and<br>Finance<br>Companies. | 4<br>Insurance<br>Companies. | 75<br>Companies<br>(including<br>34<br>Miscellaneous). | 34<br>Active<br>shares included in<br>foregoing.<br>(d) | 7<br>Industrials.                        | 11<br>Financial<br>and<br>Trading. | 18<br>Shares<br>(total of<br>foregoing) |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 989                                                   | 1,059                      | 1,106                                         | 1,052                        | 1,022                                                  | 1,026                                                   | 1,006                                    | 1,000                              | 1,003                                   |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 1,012                                                 | 1,008                      | 1,053                                         | 983                          | 1,009                                                  | 1,011                                                   | 1,014                                    | 1,011                              | 1,013                                   |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 999                                                   | 933                        | 841                                           | 965                          | 969                                                    | 963                                                     | 980                                      | 989                                | 984                                     |
| 1954-55 .. ..   | 1,943                                                 | 1,885                      | 1,555                                         | 2,184                        | 1,626                                                  | 1,598                                                   | 1,695                                    | 1,434                              | 1,575                                   |
| 1955-56 .. ..   | 2,038                                                 | 2,178                      | 1,751                                         | 2,142                        | 1,726                                                  | 1,649                                                   | 1,726                                    | 1,475                              | 1,612                                   |
| 1956-57 .. ..   | 2,031                                                 | 1,960                      | 1,807                                         | 2,489                        | 1,707                                                  | 1,653                                                   | 1,714                                    | 1,467                              | 1,600                                   |
| 1957-58 .. ..   | 2,188                                                 | 1,972                      | 1,886                                         | 2,827                        | 1,836                                                  | 1,803                                                   | 1,846                                    | 1,500                              | 1,687                                   |
| 1958-59 .. ..   | 2,411                                                 | 2,002                      | 1,597                                         | 3,117                        | 1,966                                                  | 1,978                                                   | 1,950                                    | 1,452                              | 1,722                                   |
| 1957-58—        |                                                       |                            |                                               |                              |                                                        |                                                         |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| March .. ..     | 2,247                                                 | 2,042                      | 1,852                                         | 2,858                        | 1,867                                                  | 1,851                                                   | 1,899                                    | 1,467                              | 1,700                                   |
| April .. ..     | 2,237                                                 | 2,041                      | 1,826                                         | 2,841                        | 1,852                                                  | 1,838                                                   | 1,896                                    | 1,455                              | 1,694                                   |
| May .. ..       | 2,163                                                 | 1,944                      | 1,723                                         | 2,910                        | 1,812                                                  | 1,776                                                   | 1,858                                    | 1,446                              | 1,669                                   |
| June .. ..      | 2,200                                                 | 1,926                      | 1,738                                         | 2,924                        | 1,838                                                  | 1,816                                                   | 1,886                                    | 1,450                              | 1,686                                   |
| 1958-59—        |                                                       |                            |                                               |                              |                                                        |                                                         |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| July .. ..      | 2,260                                                 | 1,931                      | 1,677                                         | 2,965                        | 1,861                                                  | 1,842                                                   | 1,962                                    | 1,452                              | 1,728                                   |
| August .. ..    | 2,317                                                 | 1,978                      | 1,631                                         | 2,959                        | 1,900                                                  | 1,881                                                   | 1,959                                    | 1,439                              | 1,720                                   |
| September .. .. | 2,331                                                 | 1,989                      | 1,655                                         | 2,923                        | 1,914                                                  | 1,892                                                   | 1,949                                    | 1,434                              | 1,713                                   |
| October .. ..   | 2,297                                                 | 1,931                      | 1,564                                         | 2,878                        | 1,868                                                  | 1,865                                                   | 1,901                                    | 1,440                              | 1,690                                   |
| November .. ..  | 2,318                                                 | 1,934                      | 1,554                                         | 2,927                        | 1,883                                                  | 1,902                                                   | 1,907                                    | 1,437                              | 1,691                                   |
| December .. ..  | 2,378                                                 | 1,939                      | 1,536                                         | 2,995                        | 1,914                                                  | 1,932                                                   | 1,901                                    | 1,450                              | 1,694                                   |
| January .. ..   | 2,429                                                 | 2,036                      | 1,522                                         | 3,093                        | 1,967                                                  | 1,982                                                   | 1,934                                    | 1,471                              | 1,721                                   |
| February .. ..  | 2,457                                                 | 2,083                      | 1,564                                         | 3,155                        | 1,998                                                  | 2,026                                                   | 1,959                                    | 1,494                              | 1,745                                   |
| March .. ..     | 2,432                                                 | 2,022                      | 1,511                                         | 3,221                        | 1,984                                                  | 1,995                                                   | 1,966                                    | 1,465                              | 1,736                                   |
| April .. ..     | 2,499                                                 | 2,029                      | 1,636                                         | 3,329                        | 2,045                                                  | 2,062                                                   | 1,941                                    | 1,428                              | 1,706                                   |
| May .. ..       | 2,570                                                 | 2,058                      | 1,675                                         | 3,435                        | 2,102                                                  | 2,145                                                   | 1,974                                    | 1,448                              | 1,733                                   |
| June .. ..      | 2,642                                                 | 2,094                      | 1,635                                         | 3,521                        | 2,156                                                  | 2,209                                                   | 2,047                                    | 1,469                              | 1,781                                   |
| 1959-60—        |                                                       |                            |                                               |                              |                                                        |                                                         |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| July .. ..      | 2,735                                                 | 2,248                      | 1,708                                         | 3,636                        | 2,271                                                  | 2,349                                                   | (c)                                      | (c)                                | (c)                                     |
| August .. ..    | 2,916                                                 | 2,428                      | 1,965                                         | 3,778                        | 2,440                                                  | 2,482                                                   |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| September .. .. | 3,042                                                 | 2,562                      | 2,345                                         | 3,886                        | 2,560                                                  | 2,613                                                   |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| October .. ..   | 3,159                                                 | 2,662                      | 2,362                                         | 4,210                        | 2,668                                                  | 2,713                                                   |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| November .. ..  | 3,091                                                 | 2,586                      | 2,242                                         | 4,290                        | 2,639                                                  | 2,667                                                   |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| December .. ..  | 3,116                                                 | 2,590                      | 2,230                                         | 4,160                        | 2,643                                                  | 2,662                                                   |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| January .. ..   | 3,302                                                 | 2,880                      | 2,351                                         | 4,230                        | 2,813                                                  | 2,821                                                   |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| February .. ..  | 3,349                                                 | 2,897                      | 2,666                                         | 4,325                        | 2,887                                                  | 2,904                                                   |                                          |                                    |                                         |
| March .. ..     | 3,247                                                 | 2,797                      | 2,637                                         | 4,467                        | 2,825                                                  | 2,828                                                   |                                          |                                    |                                         |

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies.

(b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used.

(c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.                                                                 | Wool.          | Wheat.         | Butter.        | Metals.<br>(a) | Meats.<br>(b) | Sugar.       | Dried<br>Fruits.<br>(c) | Tallow.      | Hides.<br>(d) | Gold.      | All Groups.    |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                         |                |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |            | Excl.<br>Gold. | Incl.<br>Gold. |
| Percentage<br>Distribution of<br>Base Aggregate<br>(1936-37 to 1938-39) | 45.63<br>49.05 | 17.06<br>18.34 | 11.36<br>12.21 | 6.83<br>7.34   | 6.63<br>7.13  | 2.40<br>2.58 | 1.81<br>1.94            | 0.64<br>0.69 | 0.66<br>0.72  | 6.98<br>.. | 100.00<br>..   | 100.00<br>..   |
| 1936-37 ..                                                              | 122            | 123            | 92             | 120            | 98            | 104          | 103                     | 122          | 113           | 99         | 116            | 115            |
| 1937-38 ..                                                              | 99             | 111            | 107            | 96             | 106           | 92           | 103                     | 100          | 100           | 98         | 102            | 102            |
| 1938-39 ..                                                              | 79             | 66             | 101            | 84             | 96            | 104          | 94                      | 78           | 87            | 103        | 82             | 83             |
| 1951-52 ..                                                              | 564            | 436            | 291            | 811            | 263           | 464          | 302                     | 451          | 486           | 184        | 495            | 473            |
| 1952-53 ..                                                              | 616            | 445            | 313            | 504            | 314           | 501          | 297                     | 358          | 369           | 186        | 505            | 483            |
| 1953-54 ..                                                              | 615            | 411            | 325            | 450            | 338           | 479          | 287                     | 321          | 336           | 179        | 496            | 474            |
| 1954-55 ..                                                              | 538            | 357            | 313            | 511            | 344           | 445          | 267                     | 349          | 218           | 178        | 450            | 431            |
| 1955-56 ..                                                              | 464            | 324            | 320            | 562            | 355           | 450          | 286                     | 353          | 238           | 178        | 414            | 397            |
| 1956-57 ..                                                              | 578            | 327            | 250            | 545            | 368           | 501          | 319                     | 357          | 240           | 178        | 464            | 444            |
| 1957-58 ..                                                              | 471            | 357            | 218            | 398            | 333           | 518          | 341                     | 368          | 240           | 178        | 400            | 385            |
| 1958-59 ..                                                              | 362            | 350            | 230            | 386            | 394           | 475          | p382                    | 367          | 335           | 178        | p351           | p339           |
| 1957-58—                                                                |                |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |            |                |                |
| March ..                                                                | 422            | 371            | 188            | 375            | 308           | 496          | 346                     | 380          | 239           | 178        | 372            | 358            |
| April ..                                                                | 400            | 365            | 163            | 370            | 353           | 479          | 346                     | 368          | 235           | 178        | 358            | 346            |
| May ..                                                                  | 392            | 367            | 162            | 369            | 364           | 485          | 339                     | 373          | 241           | 178        | 356            | 344            |
| June ..                                                                 | 400            | 369            | 166            | 377            | 368           | 477          | 347                     | 375          | 239           | 178        | 361            | 348            |
| 1958-59—                                                                |                |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |            |                |                |
| July ..                                                                 | (e) 400        | 366            | 178            | 371            | 351           | 481          | 351                     | 384          | 228           | 178        | 361            | 348            |
| August ..                                                               | 354            | 369            | 190            | 369            | 370           | 477          | 363                     | 375          | 234           | 178        | 342            | 330            |
| September ..                                                            | 354            | 363            | 190            | 372            | 393           | 476          | 370                     | 383          | 250           | 178        | 343            | 332            |
| October ..                                                              | 336            | 363            | 195            | 391            | 405           | 473          | 385                     | 382          | 270           | 178        | 337            | 326            |
| November ..                                                             | 339            | 355            | 222            | 404            | 407           | 477          | 390                     | 378          | 273           | 178        | 342            | 330            |
| December ..                                                             | 328            | 353            | 242            | 389            | 404           | 470          | 391                     | 375          | 285           | 178        | 337            | 326            |
| January ..                                                              | 321            | 347            | 250            | 390            | 408           | 490          | (e) 391                 | 372          | 287           | 178        | 334            | 323            |
| February ..                                                             | 339            | 336            | 250            | 384            | 387           | 474          | (e) 391                 | 360          | 341           | 178        | 339            | 328            |
| March ..                                                                | 347            | 336            | 249            | 385            | 382           | 477          | (e) 391                 | 357          | 428           | 178        | 343            | 331            |
| April ..                                                                | 415            | 337            | 249            | 382            | 393           | 473          | p387                    | 348          | 521           | 178        | p377           | p364           |
| May ..                                                                  | 415            | 339            | 262            | 396            | 402           | 477          | p388                    | 347          | 456           | 178        | p381           | p367           |
| June ..                                                                 | 400            | 336            | 287            | 401            | 429           | 458          | p387                    | 341          | 452           | 178        | p378           | p364           |
| 1959-60—                                                                |                |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |            |                |                |
| July ..                                                                 | (e) 407        | 332            | 312            | 402            | 439           | 437          | p387                    | 327          | 464           | 178        | p384           | p370           |
| August ..                                                               | 445            | 340            | 336            | 418            | 411           | 461          | p365                    | 324          | 461           | 178        | p406           | p390           |
| September ..                                                            | 430            | 331            | 350            | 420            | 376           | 438          | p360                    | 309          | 440           | 178        | p396           | p380           |
| October ..                                                              | 430            | 330            | 359            | 431            | (f)           | 440          | p359                    | 307          | 395           | 178        | p398           | p382           |
| November ..                                                             | 422            | 333            | 367            | 437            | (f)           | 458          | p358                    | 304          | 312           | 178        | p395           | p380           |
| December ..                                                             | 437            | 333            | 367            | 436            | (f)           | 458          | p356                    | 307          | 334           | 178        | p405           | p389           |
| January ..                                                              | 437            | 333            | 355            | 435            | (f)           | 455          | p327                    | 300          | 345           | 178        | p405           | p389           |
| February ..                                                             | 415            | r331           | 310            | 427            | (f)           | 448          | p330                    | 293          | 346           | 178        | pr389          | pr374          |
| March ..                                                                | 415            | 331            | 276            | 432            | (f)           | 458          | p332                    | 279          | 345           | 178        | p385           | p371           |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.  
 (c) Sultanias, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet fully known;  
 provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

## RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. "Wool" and "Other Groups" are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year.         | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Year.         | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|
| 1947-48 .. .. | 287   | 280           | 283         | 1953-54 .. .. | 615   | 356           | 474         |
| 1948-49 .. .. | 365   | 305           | 332         | 1954-55 .. .. | 538   | 342           | 431         |
| 1949-50 .. .. | 473   | 308           | 383         | 1955-56 .. .. | 464   | 342           | 397         |
| 1950-51 .. .. | 999   | 365           | 654         | 1956-57 .. .. | 578   | 331           | 444         |
| 1951-52 .. .. | 564   | 397           | 473         | 1957-58 .. .. | 471   | 313           | 385         |
| 1952-53 .. .. | 616   | 371           | 483         | 1958-59 .. .. | 362   | p320          | p339        |

| Month.          | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Month.          | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Month.          | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|                 | 1954-55. |               |             |                 | 1955-56. |               |             |                 | 1956-57. |               |             |
| July .. ..      | (a)622   | 338           | 468         | July .. ..      | (a)505   | 347           | 419         | July .. ..      | 490      | 330           | 403         |
| August .. ..    | 566      | 338           | 442         | August .. ..    | 453      | 347           | 395         | August .. ..    | 520      | 330           | 417         |
| September .. .. | 566      | 339           | 442         | September .. .. | 437      | 347           | 388         | September .. .. | 566      | 336           | 441         |
| October .. ..   | 536      | 344           | 431         | October .. ..   | 437      | 351           | 390         | October .. ..   | 551      | 332           | 432         |
| November .. ..  | 513      | 343           | 421         | November .. ..  | 437      | 352           | 391         | November .. ..  | 581      | 331           | 445         |
| December .. ..  | 532      | 348           | 432         | December .. ..  | 453      | 352           | 398         | December .. ..  | 588      | 329           | 447         |
| January .. ..   | 520      | 345           | 425         | January .. ..   | 460      | 349           | 400         | January .. ..   | 596      | 330           | 451         |
| February .. ..  | 528      | 342           | 427         | February .. ..  | 460      | 340           | 395         | February .. ..  | 611      | 330           | 458         |
| March .. ..     | 528      | 341           | 426         | March .. ..     | 453      | 335           | 388         | March .. ..     | 596      | 329           | 451         |
| April .. ..     | 520      | 340           | 422         | April .. ..     | 468      | 325           | 390         | April .. ..     | 618      | 331           | 462         |
| May .. ..       | 520      | 340           | 422         | May .. ..       | 498      | 323           | 403         | May .. ..       | 626      | 333           | 467         |
| June .. ..      | 505      | 343           | 417         | June .. ..      | (a)505   | 331           | 411         | June .. ..      | 596      | 332           | 452         |

|                 |          |     |     |                 |          |      |      |                 |          |       |       |
|-----------------|----------|-----|-----|-----------------|----------|------|------|-----------------|----------|-------|-------|
|                 | 1957-58. |     |     |                 | 1958-59. |      |      |                 | 1959-60. |       |       |
| July .. ..      | (a)596   | 327 | 450 | July .. ..      | (a)400   | 304  | 348  | July .. ..      | (a)407   | p338  | p370  |
| August .. ..    | 551      | 331 | 431 | August .. ..    | 354      | 310  | 330  | August .. ..    | 445      | p344  | p390  |
| September .. .. | 543      | 328 | 426 | September .. .. | 354      | 312  | 332  | September .. .. | 430      | p339  | p380  |
| October .. ..   | 498      | 323 | 403 | October .. ..   | 336      | 318  | 326  | October .. ..   | 430      | p343  | p382  |
| November .. ..  | 483      | 315 | 391 | November .. ..  | 339      | 323  | 330  | November .. ..  | 422      | p344  | p380  |
| December .. ..  | 445      | 305 | 369 | December .. ..  | 328      | 324  | 326  | December .. ..  | 437      | p349  | p389  |
| January .. ..   | 453      | 306 | 373 | January .. ..   | 321      | 325  | 323  | January .. ..   | 437      | p349  | p389  |
| February .. ..  | 468      | 303 | 378 | February .. ..  | 339      | 318  | 328  | February .. ..  | 415      | pr340 | pr374 |
| March .. ..     | 422      | 304 | 358 | March .. ..     | 347      | 319  | 331  | March .. ..     | 415      | p334  | p371  |
| April .. ..     | 400      | 301 | 346 | April .. ..     | 415      | p321 | p364 |                 |          |       |       |
| May .. ..       | 392      | 303 | 344 | May .. ..       | 415      | p327 | p367 |                 |          |       |       |
| June .. ..      | 400      | 306 | 348 | June .. ..      | 400      | p334 | p364 |                 |          |       |       |

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The "changing weights" index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are :—

| All Groups.          | Month of March. |       | Nine months ended March. |       |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
|                      | 1959.           | 1960. | 1959.                    | 1960. |
| Excluding Wool .. .. | 100             | p106  | 100                      | p109  |
| Including Wool .. .. | 100             | p114  | 100                      | p118  |

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.      | Basic Materials.     |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c) | Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.   |                                      |                       |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|              | Metals and Coal. (a) | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. |                              | Goods principally Imported. (b) | Goods principally Home Produced. (c) | Total All Groups. (c) |
| 1936-37 ..   | 96                   | 99                    | 118       | 99         | 111               | 99                  | 99     | 98                           | 99                              | 98                                   | 99                    |
| 1937-38 ..   | 101                  | 101                   | 100       | 100        | 97                | 104                 | 102    | 102                          | 102                             | 101                                  | 101                   |
| 1938-39 ..   | 103                  | 100                   | 82        | 101        | 92                | 97                  | 99     | 101                          | 99                              | 100                                  | 100                   |
| 1951-52 ..   | 343                  | 220                   | 577       | 314        | 298               | 370                 | 321    | 276                          | 288                             | 300                                  | 297                   |
| 1952-53 ..   | 392                  | 234                   | 607       | 350        | 224               | 404                 | 350    | 293                          | 292                             | 331                                  | 319                   |
| 1953-54 ..   | 388                  | 222                   | 566       | 323        | 191               | 363                 | 332    | 308                          | 271                             | 339                                  | 319                   |
| 1954-55 ..   | 391                  | 214                   | 510       | 314        | 246               | 372                 | 330    | 315                          | 277                             | 340                                  | 322                   |
| 1955-56 ..   | 404                  | 220                   | 456       | 317        | 328               | 415                 | 345    | 325                          | 292                             | 352                                  | 334                   |
| 1956-57 ..   | 409                  | 241                   | 520       | 344        | 302               | 463                 | 367    | 324                          | 311                             | 357                                  | 344                   |
| 1957-58 ..   | 398                  | 238                   | 437       | 349        | 280               | 453                 | 355    | 325                          | 301                             | 355                                  | 339                   |
| 1958-59 ..   | 392                  | 231                   | 362       | 327        | 293               | 423                 | 340    | 332                          | 283                             | 358                                  | 336                   |
| 1957-58—     |                      |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                              |                                 |                                      |                       |
| March ..     | 398                  | 236                   | 404       | 347        | 278               | 458                 | 353    | 323                          | 301                             | 351                                  | 337                   |
| April ..     | 395                  | 236                   | 389       | 346        | 277               | 458                 | 351    | 321                          | 301                             | 349                                  | 335                   |
| May ..       | 393                  | 236                   | 384       | 346        | 263               | 420                 | 343    | 330                          | 290                             | 355                                  | 336                   |
| June ..      | 394                  | 236                   | 387       | 346        | 254               | 420                 | 343    | 332                          | 290                             | 357                                  | 337                   |
| 1958-59—     |                      |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                              |                                 |                                      |                       |
| July ..      | 394                  | 231                   | 387       | 327        | 249               | 420                 | 339    | 332                          | 285                             | 357                                  | 336                   |
| August ..    | 394                  | 231                   | 358       | 327        | 244               | 420                 | 338    | 338                          | 285                             | 360                                  | 338                   |
| September .. | 394                  | 231                   | 358       | 327        | 244               | 432                 | 340    | 337                          | 283                             | 361                                  | 338                   |
| October ..   | 394                  | 231                   | 341       | 327        | 243               | 432                 | 339    | 330                          | 282                             | 356                                  | 334                   |
| November ..  | 394                  | 232                   | 344       | 327        | 254               | 425                 | 338    | 326                          | 282                             | 352                                  | 332                   |
| December ..  | 390                  | 231                   | 337       | 327        | 267               | 420                 | 336    | 322                          | 282                             | 348                                  | 328                   |
| January ..   | 391                  | 231                   | 333       | 327        | 263               | 422                 | 336    | 320                          | 280                             | 347                                  | 327                   |
| February ..  | 392                  | 231                   | 346       | 327        | 284               | 422                 | 338    | 328                          | 281                             | 354                                  | 332                   |
| March ..     | 390                  | 232                   | 353       | 327        | 326               | 422                 | 340    | 341                          | 282                             | 365                                  | 340                   |
| April ..     | 390                  | 232                   | 398       | 327        | 410               | 422                 | 346    | 340                          | 282                             | 368                                  | 343                   |
| May ..       | 387                  | 232                   | 402       | 327        | 371               | 422                 | 344    | 336                          | 284                             | 363                                  | 340                   |
| June ..      | 388                  | 232                   | 392       | 327        | 361               | 422                 | 343    | 338                          | 284                             | 364                                  | 340                   |
| 1959-60—     |                      |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                              |                                 |                                      |                       |
| July ..      | 385                  | 231                   | 392       | 330        | 394               | 422                 | 343    | 340                          | 282                             | 366                                  | 342                   |
| August ..    | 388                  | 230                   | 417       | 330        | 411               | 422                 | 346    | 343                          | 281                             | 371                                  | 345                   |
| September .. | 388                  | 223                   | 405       | 330        | 414               | 425                 | 345    | 339                          | 276                             | 369                                  | 342                   |
| October ..   | 388                  | 223                   | 404       | 328        | 375               | 425                 | 343    | 339                          | 277                             | 367                                  | 341                   |
| November ..  | 390                  | 223                   | 399       | 328        | 360               | 425                 | 342    | 335                          | 279                             | 363                                  | 338                   |
| December ..  | 389                  | 223                   | 411       | 328        | 359               | 433                 | 344    | 338                          | 280                             | 366                                  | 341                   |
| January ..   | 399                  | 223                   | 411       | 333        | 375               | 433                 | 348    | 344                          | 282                             | 372                                  | 346                   |
| February ..  | 402                  | 223                   | 394       | 333        | 395               | 433                 | 349    | 343                          | 283                             | 372                                  | 346                   |
| March ..     | 403                  | 224                   | 395       | 333        | 387               | 438                 | 351    | 347                          | 283                             | 376                                  | 349                   |

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 437 for March, 1960. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports. (c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For March, 1960, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 341; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 371; "Total All Groups," 345.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.    | Australia.<br>(a) | New<br>Zealand. | South<br>Africa. | Canada | United<br>States of<br>America.<br>(b) | Sweden.<br>(b) | United Kingdom.                     |         | France.                  | India.                          |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
|            |                   |                 |                  |        |                                        |                | (c)                                 | (d)     |                          |                                 |
| 1936-37 .. | 99                | 96              | 97               | 101    | 104                                    | 98             | Base :<br>30th June, 1949<br>= 100. |         | Base :<br>1949<br>= 100. | Base :<br>1938-39 (e)<br>= 100. |
| 1937-38 .. | 101               | 102             | 103              | 104    | 101                                    | 103            |                                     |         |                          |                                 |
| 1938-39 .. | 100               | 102             | 100              | 95     | 95                                     | 99             |                                     |         |                          |                                 |
| 1955-56 .. | 334               | 253             | 283              | 217    | 212                                    | 290            | 155                                 | 133     | 139                      | 373                             |
| 1956-57 .. | 344               | 262             | 285              | 222    | 220                                    | 296            | 158                                 | 138     | 143                      | 424                             |
| 1957-58 .. | 339               | 264             | 289              | 222    | 225                                    | 295            | (f) 145                             | (f) 141 | 161                      | 429                             |
| 1958-59 .. | 336               | g275            | 288              | p224   | 226                                    | 290            | 137                                 | 142     | 170                      | 438                             |
| 1959-60—   |                   |                 |                  |        |                                        |                |                                     |         |                          |                                 |
| July ..    | 342               | 276             | 288              | 226    | 226                                    | 290            | 138                                 | 142     | 172                      | 451                             |
| Aug. ..    | 345               |                 | 288              | 225    | 225                                    | 292            | 141                                 | 142     | 174                      | 453                             |
| Sept. ..   | 342               |                 | 288              | 225    | 226                                    | 294            | 141                                 | 142     | 176                      | 457                             |
| Oct. ..    | 341               | 272             | 287              | 225    | 225                                    | 296            | 141                                 | 143     | 178                      | 463                             |
| Nov. ..    | 338               |                 | 289              | 225    | 225                                    | 298            | 141                                 | 143     | 178                      | 461                             |
| Dec. ..    | 341               |                 | 291              | 224    | 225                                    |                | 142                                 | 143     | 179                      | 461                             |
| Jan. ..    | 346               | 272             |                  | 225    | 226                                    |                | 143                                 | 143     | 181                      |                                 |
| Feb. ..    | p346              |                 |                  | 225    | 226                                    |                | r142                                | p143    | p179                     |                                 |
| Mar. ..    | p349              |                 |                  |        | 227                                    |                | p143                                | p143    |                          |                                 |

(a) See note (c), page 24.

(b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.

(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry.

(d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

(e) Year ended August, 1939.

(f) From January, 1958, the index numbers reflect the movement of the nearest equivalent index in a new series of indexes on base 1954 = 100.

(g) New index of "Prices paid for commodities used by Domestic Industry and Consumers", linked to former index at 1958.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

| Period.   |    | Australia.<br>(b) |       | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States<br>of America. | United<br>Kingdom.                        |
|-----------|----|-------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1936-37   | .. | 97.3              |       | 96           | 97            | 98      | 100                          | Base :<br>17th June,<br>1947 = 100<br>(c) |
| 1937-38   | .. | 99.8              |       | 101          | 101           | 102     | 101                          |                                           |
| 1938-39   | .. | 102.9             |       | 103          | 102           | 100     | 99                           |                                           |
|           |    | A                 | B     |              |               |         |                              |                                           |
| 1955-56   | .. | 274.2             | 277.4 | 206          | 209           | 186     | 190                          | 154                                       |
| 1956-57   | .. | 286.2             | 290.9 | 213          | 212           | 191     | 196                          | 159                                       |
| 1957-58   | .. | 292.5             | 291.5 | 217          | 221           | 197     | 202                          | 166                                       |
| 1958-59   | .. | 299.5             | 298.9 | 231          | 226           | 200     | 205                          | 168                                       |
| 1959-60—  |    |                   |       |              |               |         |                              |                                           |
| July      | .. | 305.3             | 305.0 | 234          | 227           | 200     | 207                          | 167                                       |
| August    | .. |                   |       |              | 227           | 201     | 207                          | 168                                       |
| September | .. |                   |       |              | 227           | 202     | 207                          | 167                                       |
| October   | .. | 308.4             | 308.1 | 233          | 227           | 203     | 208                          | 168                                       |
| November  | .. |                   |       |              | 228           | 204     | 208                          | 169                                       |
| December  | .. |                   |       |              | 228           | 203     | 208                          | 169                                       |
| January   | .. | 311.6             | 310.8 | 232          |               | 203     | 208                          | 169                                       |
| February  | .. |                   |       |              |               | 202     | 208                          | 169                                       |
| March     | .. |                   |       |              |               | 202     |                              | 168                                       |

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see note (c).

(b) The index in column "A" excludes, and that in

column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions as from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.

(c) Series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series. From February, 1956, the index numbers are a conversion of a new series compiled originally on base 17th January, 1956 = 100.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

## "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this page and page 29 the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| (Base of each Group: Average of 5 years ended June, 1957 = 1,000) |         |  |                                                                        |       |                                         |           |                     |                    |                                       |                                      |                                        |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|
| Period.                                                           |         |  | "C" Series Retail Price Index: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |       |                                         |           |                     |                    | Weekly Wage Rate Indexes: Six States. |                                      |                                        |       |
|                                                                   |         |  | Food and Groceries.<br>(a)                                             |       | Rent of 4<br>and 5<br>roomed<br>houses. | Clothing. | Miscel-<br>laneous. | All Groups.<br>(a) |                                       | Nominal<br>Rates,<br>Adult<br>Males. | "Real" Wage, Adult<br>Males.<br>(a)(b) |       |
| 1936-37 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 963                                                                    |       | 968                                     | 976       | 996                 | 973                |                                       | 949                                  | 976                                    |       |
| 1937-38 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 989                                                                    |       | 1,001                                   | 1,006     | 1,003               | 998                |                                       | 1,007                                | 1,009                                  |       |
| 1938-39 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 1,048                                                                  |       | 1,031                                   | 1,018     | 1,001               | 1,029              |                                       | 1,044                                | 1,015                                  |       |
| 1951-52 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 2,694                                                                  |       | 1,104                                   | 3,623     | 1,898               | 2,337              |                                       | 2,806                                | 1,201                                  |       |
| 1952-53 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 2,950                                                                  |       | 1,194                                   | 3,893     | 2,124               | 2,550              |                                       | 3,104                                | 1,217                                  |       |
| 1953-54 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 3,073                                                                  |       | 1,255                                   | 3,938     | 2,148               | 2,622              |                                       | 3,207                                | 1,223                                  |       |
| 1954-55 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 3,098                                                                  |       | 1,309                                   | 3,940     | 2,145               | 2,644              |                                       | 3,249                                | 1,229                                  |       |
|                                                                   |         |  | A                                                                      | B     |                                         |           |                     | A                  | B                                     |                                      | A                                      | B     |
| 1955-56 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 3,265                                                                  | 3,354 | 1,377                                   | 3,968     | 2,230               | 2,742              | 2,774                                 | (c) 3,362                            | 1,226                                  | 1,212 |
| 1956-57 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 3,395                                                                  | 3,528 | 1,458                                   | 4,043     | 2,423               | 2,862              | 2,909                                 | (c) 3,536                            | 1,236                                  | 1,216 |
| 1957-58 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 3,424                                                                  | 3,396 | 1,527                                   | 4,147     | 2,497               | 2,925              | 2,915                                 | 3,605                                | 1,233                                  | 1,237 |
| 1958-59 .. ..                                                     |         |  | 3,492                                                                  | 3,477 | 1,621                                   | 4,192     | 2,565               | 2,995              | 2,989                                 | 3,681                                | 1,229                                  | 1,232 |
| 1955-56—                                                          |         |  |                                                                        |       |                                         |           |                     |                    |                                       |                                      |                                        |       |
| September                                                         | Quarter |  | 3,215                                                                  | 3,265 | 1,330                                   | 3,965     | 2,169               | 2,700              | 2,719                                 | 3,299                                | 1,222                                  | 1,213 |
| December                                                          | "       |  | 3,239                                                                  | 3,308 | 1,337                                   | 3,971     | 2,218               | 2,721              | 2,746                                 | 3,345                                | 1,229                                  | 1,218 |
| March                                                             | "       |  | 3,262                                                                  | 3,348 | 1,415                                   | 3,965     | 2,227               | 2,748              | 2,780                                 | (c) 3,369                            | 1,226                                  | 1,212 |
| June                                                              | "       |  | 3,343                                                                  | 3,495 | 1,425                                   | 3,971     | 2,305               | 2,797              | 2,851                                 | (c) 3,436                            | 1,228                                  | 1,205 |
| 1956-57—                                                          |         |  |                                                                        |       |                                         |           |                     |                    |                                       |                                      |                                        |       |
| September                                                         | Quarter |  | 3,394                                                                  | 3,712 | 1,436                                   | 3,985     | 2,369               | 2,832              | 2,946                                 | (c) 3,480                            | 1,229                                  | 1,181 |
| December                                                          | "       |  | 3,380                                                                  | 3,559 | 1,446                                   | 4,024     | 2,418               | 2,849              | 2,913                                 | (c) 3,543                            | 1,244                                  | 1,216 |
| March                                                             | "       |  | 3,401                                                                  | 3,412 | 1,465                                   | 4,062     | 2,435               | 2,872              | 2,876                                 | (c) 3,539                            | 1,232                                  | 1,231 |
| June                                                              | "       |  | 3,406                                                                  | 3,429 | 1,483                                   | 4,100     | 2,468               | 2,893              | 2,901                                 | (c) 3,583                            | 1,239                                  | 1,235 |
| 1957-58—                                                          |         |  |                                                                        |       |                                         |           |                     |                    |                                       |                                      |                                        |       |
| September                                                         | Quarter |  | 3,417                                                                  | 3,403 | 1,500                                   | 4,114     | 2,488               | 2,907              | 2,903                                 | 3,594                                | 1,236                                  | 1,238 |
| December                                                          | "       |  | 3,381                                                                  | 3,350 | 1,512                                   | 4,139     | 2,498               | 2,905              | 2,893                                 | 3,595                                | 1,238                                  | 1,243 |
| March                                                             | "       |  | 3,446                                                                  | 3,419 | 1,525                                   | 4,148     | 2,500               | 2,933              | 2,923                                 | 3,594                                | 1,225                                  | 1,230 |
| June                                                              | "       |  | 3,453                                                                  | 3,412 | 1,571                                   | 4,186     | 2,501               | 2,955              | 2,940                                 | 3,638                                | 1,231                                  | 1,237 |
| 1958-59—                                                          |         |  |                                                                        |       |                                         |           |                     |                    |                                       |                                      |                                        |       |
| September                                                         | Quarter |  | 3,452                                                                  | 3,410 | 1,594                                   | 4,188     | 2,525               | 2,966              | 2,950                                 | 3,652                                | 1,231                                  | 1,238 |
| December                                                          | "       |  | 3,475                                                                  | 3,458 | 1,614                                   | 4,192     | 2,579               | 2,991              | 2,984                                 | 3,655                                | 1,222                                  | 1,225 |
| March                                                             | "       |  | 3,498                                                                  | 3,509 | 1,631                                   | 4,181     | 2,578               | 3,000              | 3,003                                 | 3,668                                | 1,223                                  | 1,221 |
| June                                                              | "       |  | 3,542                                                                  | 3,531 | 1,646                                   | 4,205     | 2,577               | 3,024              | 3,019                                 | 3,753                                | 1,241                                  | 1,243 |
| 1959-60—                                                          |         |  |                                                                        |       |                                         |           |                     |                    |                                       |                                      |                                        |       |
| September                                                         | Quarter |  | 3,592                                                                  | 3,583 | 1,667                                   | 4,224     | 2,589               | 3,053              | 3,050                                 | 3,778                                | 1,237                                  | 1,239 |
| December                                                          | "       |  | 3,627                                                                  | 3,616 | 1,692                                   | 4,284     | 2,597               | 3,084              | 3,081                                 |                                      |                                        |       |
| March                                                             | "       |  | 3,696                                                                  | 3,672 | 1,712                                   | 4,293     | 2,603               | 3,116              | 3,108                                 |                                      |                                        |       |

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.  
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(c) Partly estimated.

(b) Index of nominal

## INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items of the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

| Period.          | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. |       |                       |       |              |                |       |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|----------------|-------|
|                  | Food.(a)                                |       | Clothing and Drapery. | Rent. | Other Items. | All Groups.(a) |       |
|                  | A                                       | B     |                       |       |              | A              | B     |
| Year ended June— |                                         |       |                       |       |              |                |       |
| 1953 .. ..       | 100.0                                   | 100.0 | 100.0                 | 100.0 | 100.0        | 100.0          | 100.0 |
| 1954 .. ..       | 102.8                                   | 103.7 | 101.6                 | 105.0 | 100.9        | 102.2          | 102.5 |
| 1955 .. ..       | 104.8                                   | 104.6 | 102.4                 | 109.6 | 101.4        | 103.7          | 103.6 |
| 1956 .. ..       | 108.1                                   | 110.6 | 103.3                 | 115.5 | 106.4        | 107.0          | 108.0 |
| 1957 .. ..       | 112.4                                   | 115.8 | 105.8                 | 122.5 | 117.8        | 113.0          | 114.3 |
| 1958 .. ..       | 114.0                                   | 113.7 | 109.2                 | 128.4 | 120.2        | 115.7          | 115.6 |
| 1959 .. ..       | 115.8                                   | 115.9 | 110.4                 | 136.5 | 123.9        | 118.4          | 118.5 |
| Quarter ended—   |                                         |       |                       |       |              |                |       |
| 1958—June ..     | 114.9                                   | 114.4 | 110.2                 | 132.2 | 120.4        | 116.7          | 116.5 |
| September ..     | 114.7                                   | 114.2 | 110.3                 | 134.2 | 121.4        | 117.1          | 116.9 |
| December ..      | 115.1                                   | 115.1 | 110.5                 | 136.0 | 124.5        | 118.3          | 118.3 |
| 1959—March ..    | 116.1                                   | 116.7 | 110.3                 | 137.4 | 124.7        | 118.8          | 119.0 |
| June ..          | 117.4                                   | 117.6 | 110.7                 | 138.6 | 125.2        | 119.7          | 119.7 |
| September ..     | 118.2                                   | 118.5 | 111.1                 | 140.6 | 125.8        | 120.4          | 120.5 |
| December ..      | 118.7                                   | 118.9 | 112.4                 | 142.8 | 126.9        | 121.4          | 121.5 |
| 1960—March ..    | 120.8                                   | 120.8 | 112.8                 | 144.5 | 127.4        | 122.6          | 122.6 |

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

## FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year.         | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Wool (Shorn and Dead). | Products Other than Wool. |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1936-37 .. .. | 114          | 115       | 93                     | 109          | 126                    | 104                       |
| 1937-38 .. .. | 98           | 98        | 102                    | 99           | 95                     | 100                       |
| 1938-39 .. .. | 88           | 87        | 105                    | 92           | 79                     | 96                        |
| 1950-51 .. .. | 291          | 818       | 258                    | 505          | 1,098                  | 308                       |
| 1951-52 .. .. | 355          | 501       | 332                    | 410          | 552                    | 363                       |
| 1952-53 .. .. | 364          | 531       | 387                    | 440          | 623                    | 379                       |
| 1953-54 .. .. | 324          | 534       | 395                    | 429          | 621                    | 365                       |
| 1954-55 .. .. | 316          | 489       | 371                    | 401          | 540                    | 355                       |
| 1955-56 .. .. | 330          | 451       | 392                    | 397          | 468                    | 373                       |
| 1956-57 .. .. | 336          | 536       | 386                    | 432          | 607                    | 374                       |
| 1957-58 .. .. | 336          | 435       | 382                    | 388          | 473                    | 359                       |
| 1958-59p.. .. | 325          | 385       | 395                    | 368          | 369                    | 367                       |

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.    | Export Price Index—All Groups. |                    |        | Wholesale Price<br>(Basic Materials and<br>Foodstuffs) Index. |                       | Retail Price Indexes—All Groups.(b)<br>(Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.) |         |         |         |                         |       |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-------|
|            | Excluding<br>Wool.             | Excluding<br>Gold. | Total. | Basic<br>Materials.                                           | All<br>Groups.<br>(a) | " C " Series Index.(c)                                                           |         |         |         | Interim Index.(d)       |       |
|            |                                |                    |        |                                                               |                       | Base :<br>1952-53 = 100<br>(Arithmetically con-<br>verted for comparison.)       |         |         |         | Base :<br>1952-53 = 100 |       |
| 1936-37 .. | 108                            | 116                | 115    | 99                                                            | 99                    | 97.3                                                                             |         |         |         |                         |       |
| 1937-38 .. | 105                            | 102                | 102    | 102                                                           | 101                   | 99.8                                                                             |         |         |         |                         |       |
| 1938-39 .. | 87                             | 82                 | 83     | 99                                                            | 100                   | 102.9                                                                            |         |         |         |                         |       |
| 1951-52 .. | 397                            | 495                | 473    | 321                                                           | 297                   | 233.7                                                                            |         |         | 91.7    | 91.4                    |       |
| 1952-53 .. | 371                            | 505                | 483    | 350                                                           | 319                   | 255.0                                                                            |         |         | 100.0   | A                       | B     |
| 1953-54 .. | 356                            | 496                | 474    | 332                                                           | 319                   | 262.2                                                                            |         |         | 102.8   | 100.0                   | 100.0 |
| 1954-55 .. | 342                            | 450                | 431    | 330                                                           | 322                   | 264.4                                                                            |         |         | 103.7   | 102.2                   | 102.5 |
| 1955-56 .. | 342                            | 414                | 397    | 345                                                           | 334                   | A 274.2                                                                          | B 277.4 | A 107.5 | B 108.8 | 103.7                   | 103.6 |
| 1956-57 .. | 331                            | 464                | 444    | 367                                                           | 344                   | 286.2                                                                            | 290.9   | 112.2   | 114.1   | 107.0                   | 108.0 |
| 1957-58 .. | 313                            | 400                | 385    | 355                                                           | 339                   | 292.5                                                                            | 291.5   | 114.7   | 114.3   | 113.0                   | 114.3 |
| 1958-59 .. | p320                           | p351               | p339   | 340                                                           | 336                   | 299.5                                                                            | 298.9   | 117.5   | 117.2   | 115.7                   | 115.6 |
| 1957-58—   |                                |                    |        |                                                               |                       |                                                                                  |         |         |         | 118.4                   | 118.5 |
| January .. | 306                            | 387                | 373    | 355                                                           | 335                   | } 293.3                                                                          | 292.3   | 115.0   | 114.7   | 115.9                   | 115.8 |
| February.. | 303                            | 393                | 378    | 355                                                           | 336                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| March ..   | 304                            | 372                | 358    | 353                                                           | 337                   | } 295.5                                                                          | 294.0   | 115.9   | 115.3   | 116.7                   | 116.5 |
| April ..   | 301                            | 358                | 346    | 351                                                           | 335                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| May ..     | 303                            | 356                | 344    | 343                                                           | 336                   | } 296.6                                                                          | 295.0   | 116.3   | 115.7   | 117.1                   | 116.9 |
| June ..    | 306                            | 361                | 348    | 343                                                           | 337                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| 1958-59—   |                                |                    |        |                                                               |                       |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| July ..    | 304                            | 361                | 348    | 339                                                           | 336                   | } 299.1                                                                          | 298.4   | 117.3   | 117.0   | 118.3                   | 118.3 |
| August ..  | 310                            | 342                | 330    | 338                                                           | 338                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| September  | 312                            | 343                | 332    | 340                                                           | 338                   | } 300.0                                                                          | 300.3   | 117.7   | 117.8   | 118.8                   | 119.0 |
| October .. | 318                            | 337                | 326    | 339                                                           | 334                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| November   | 323                            | 342                | 330    | 338                                                           | 332                   | } 302.4                                                                          | 301.9   | 118.6   | 118.4   | 119.7                   | 119.7 |
| December   | 324                            | 337                | 326    | 336                                                           | 328                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| January .. | 325                            | 334                | 323    | 336                                                           | 327                   | } 305.3                                                                          | 305.0   | 119.7   | 119.6   | 120.4                   | 120.5 |
| February.. | 318                            | 339                | 328    | 338                                                           | 332                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| March ..   | 319                            | 343                | 331    | 340                                                           | 340                   | } 308.4                                                                          | 308.1   | 121.0   | 120.8   | 121.4                   | 121.5 |
| April ..   | p321                           | p377               | p364   | 346                                                           | 343                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| May ..     | p327                           | p381               | p367   | 344                                                           | 340                   | } 311.6                                                                          | 310.8   | 122.2   | 121.9   | 122.6                   | 122.6 |
| June ..    | p334                           | p378               | p364   | 343                                                           | 340                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| 1959-60—   |                                |                    |        |                                                               |                       |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| July ..    | p338                           | p384               | p370   | 343                                                           | 342                   | } 305.3                                                                          | 305.0   | 119.7   | 119.6   | 120.4                   | 120.5 |
| August ..  | p344                           | p406               | p390   | 346                                                           | 345                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| September  | p339                           | p396               | p380   | 345                                                           | 342                   | } 308.4                                                                          | 308.1   | 121.0   | 120.8   | 121.4                   | 121.5 |
| October .. | p343                           | p398               | p382   | 343                                                           | 341                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| November   | p344                           | p395               | p380   | 342                                                           | 338                   | } 311.6                                                                          | 310.8   | 122.2   | 121.9   | 122.6                   | 122.6 |
| December   | p349                           | p405               | p389   | 344                                                           | 341                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| January .. | p349                           | p405               | p389   | 348                                                           | 346                   | } 311.6                                                                          | 310.8   | 122.2   | 121.9   | 122.6                   | 122.6 |
| February.. | pr340                          | pr389              | pr374  | 349                                                           | 346                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |
| March ..   | p334                           | p385               | p371   | 351                                                           | 349                   |                                                                                  |         |         |         |                         |       |

(a) See note (c) page 24. (b) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 27.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK.

(Adult Males.)

| Date. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|-------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
|-------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|

## COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

|                | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. |
|----------------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| 1958—          |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 30th June(a)   | 268 | 0  | 260 | 0  | 243 | 0  | 256 | 0  | 261 | 0  | 267 | 0  | 261 | 0  |
| 30th September | 268 | 0  | 260 | 0  | 243 | 0  | 256 | 0  | 261 | 0  | 267 | 0  | 261 | 0  |
| 31st December  | 268 | 0  | 260 | 0  | 243 | 0  | 256 | 0  | 261 | 0  | 267 | 0  | 261 | 0  |
| 1959—          |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 31st March..   | 268 | 0  | 260 | 0  | 243 | 0  | 256 | 0  | 261 | 0  | 267 | 0  | 261 | 0  |
| 30th June(b)   | 283 | 0  | 275 | 0  | 258 | 0  | 271 | 0  | 276 | 0  | 282 | 0  | 276 | 0  |
| 30th September | 283 | 0  | 275 | 0  | 258 | 0  | 271 | 0  | 276 | 0  | 282 | 0  | 276 | 0  |
| 31st December  | 283 | 0  | 275 | 0  | 258 | 0  | 271 | 0  | 276 | 0  | 282 | 0  | 276 | 0  |
| 1960—          |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 31st March..   | 283 | 0  | 275 | 0  | 258 | 0  | 271 | 0  | 276 | 0  | 282 | 0  | 276 | 0  |

## STATE BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

|                | s.  | d. | s.      | d. | s.      | d. | s.      | d. | s.      | d. | s.      | d. | s. | d. |
|----------------|-----|----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|----|---------|----|----|----|
| 1958—          |     |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |    |    |
| 30th June ..   | 274 | 0  | (d) 263 | 0  | (e) 248 | 0  | (f) 256 | 0  | (g) 268 | 6  | (d) 272 | 0  | .. | .. |
| 30th September | 274 | 0  | 263     | 0  | (h) 254 | 0  | 256     | 0  | (i) 272 | 3  | 272     | 0  | .. | .. |
| 31st December  | 273 | 0  | 263     | 0  | (j) 256 | 0  | 256     | 0  | (j) 273 | 5  | 272     | 0  | .. | .. |
| 1959—          |     |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |    |    |
| 31st March..   | 275 | 0  | 263     | 0  | (k) 260 | 0  | 256     | 0  | 273     | 5  | 272     | 0  | .. | .. |
| 30th June ..   | 276 | 0  | *275    | 0  | (l) 263 | 0  | (m) 271 | 0  | (l) 275 | 1  | 272     | 0  | .. | .. |
| 30th September | 277 | 0  | 275     | 0  | 263     | 0  | 271     | 0  | (n) 278 | 7  | †282    | 0  | .. | .. |
| 31st December  | 279 | 0  | 275     | 0  | (o) 267 | 0  | 271     | 0  | (o) 281 | 6  | 282     | 0  | .. | .. |
| 1960—          |     |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |         |    |    |    |
| 31st March     | 283 | 0  | 275     | 0  | (p) 269 | 0  | 271     | 0  | 281     | 6  | 282     | 0  | .. | .. |

## WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.‡

|                 | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. | s.  | d. |
|-----------------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| 1958—           |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 30th June ..    | 329 | 1  | 319 | 1  | 310 | 8  | 312 | 0  | 319 | 6  | 322 | 8  | 321 | 4  |
| 30th September  | 329 | 2  | 319 | 7  | 315 | 8  | 312 | 3  | 322 | 8  | 322 | 8  | 322 | 5  |
| 31st December   | 328 | 8  | 319 | 8  | 317 | 8  | 312 | 4  | 324 | 0  | 323 | 3  | 322 | 8  |
| 1959—           |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 31st March..    | 329 | 10 | 320 | 1  | 320 | 11 | 312 | 7  | 324 | 0  | 324 | 3  | 323 | 9  |
| 30th June ..    | 337 | 6  | 330 | 6  | 326 | 7  | 327 | 7  | 327 | 1  | 332 | 9  | 332 | 3  |
| 30th September  | 338 | 2  | 334 | 1  | 327 | 3  | 327 | 9  | 330 | 2  | 336 | 6  | 334 | 0  |
| 31st December r | 348 | 11 | 343 | 9  | 334 | 1  | 339 | 1  | 339 | 7  | 345 | 10 | 343 | 10 |

## WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.§

| 31st December, 1959 .. | 39.95 | 39.97 | 39.98 | 39.96 | r39.89 | 39.97 | 39.96 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|

Payable as from:—(a) Beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (b) Beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959. (c) Beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (d) Beginning of first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) 28th April, 1958. (f) 26th May, 1958. (g) 7th February, 1958. (h) 24th July, 1958. (i) 4th August, 1958. (j) 27th October, 1958. (k) 2nd February, 1959. (l) 27th April, 1959. (m) 15th June, 1959. (n) 27th July, 1959. (o) 26th October, 1959. (p) 1st February, 1960.

\* During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. † Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1959. ‡ For a full week's work (excluding overtime). Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. § Excludes Rural and Shipping and Stevedoring. Except in Tasmania, there has been no change in weighted average standard weekly hours since September, 1953.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period.                                  |         |    | New South Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(c) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|------------------------------------------|---------|----|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). |         |    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 1952-53                                  | ..      | .. | 15,422              | 10,816    | 4,868       | 3,357               | 2,492              | 1,199     | 38,154     |
| 1953-54                                  | ..      | .. | 16,480              | 11,767    | 5,227       | 3,615               | 2,754              | 1,305     | 41,148     |
| 1954-55                                  | ..      | .. | 17,970              | 12,901    | 5,601       | 3,940               | 2,928              | 1,399     | 44,739     |
| 1955-56                                  | ..      | .. | 19,764              | 14,144    | 6,033       | 4,330               | 3,104              | 1,521     | 48,896     |
| 1956-57                                  | ..      | .. | 20,943              | 14,925    | 6,457       | 4,507               | 3,177              | 1,635     | 51,644     |
| 1957-58                                  | ..      | .. | 21,664              | 15,510    | 6,585       | 4,635               | 3,284              | 1,671     | 53,349     |
| 1958-59                                  | ..      | .. | r22,414             | r16,240   | r6,970      | r4,823              | r3,347             | r1,725    | r55,519    |
| 1957-58—                                 |         |    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| March                                    | Quarter | .. | 20,630              | 14,789    | 6,091       | 4,480               | 3,116              | 1,653     | 50,759     |
| June                                     | ..      | .. | 21,995              | 15,831    | 6,764       | 4,668               | 3,350              | 1,778     | 54,386     |
| 1958-59—                                 |         |    | r                   | r         | r           | r                   | r                  | r         | r          |
| September                                | ..      | .. | 22,129              | 15,827    | 6,983       | 4,777               | 3,392              | 1,648     | 54,756     |
| December                                 | ..      | .. | 23,601              | 16,970    | 7,387       | 4,984               | 3,494              | 1,798     | 58,234     |
| March                                    | ..      | .. | 21,185              | 15,377    | 6,501       | 4,599               | 3,122              | 1,666     | 52,450     |
| June                                     | ..      | .. | 22,740              | 16,787    | 7,010       | 4,930               | 3,381              | 1,790     | 56,638     |
| 1959-60—                                 |         |    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September                                | ..      | .. | 23,445              | 17,397    | 7,364       | 5,270               | 3,537              | 1,756     | 58,769     |
| December                                 | ..      | .. | 25,351              | 18,442    | 7,558       | 5,443               | 3,693              | 1,883     | 62,370     |
| March                                    | ..      | .. | 23,761              | 17,680    | 7,031       | 5,308               | 3,489              | 1,832     | 59,101     |

|                                                        |         |    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d) |         |    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 1952-53                                                | ..      | .. | 15.96  | 15.71  | 14.17  | 15.17  | 14.69  | 14.80  | 15.45  |
| 1953-54                                                | ..      | .. | 16.69  | 16.64  | 14.98  | 15.87  | 15.59  | 15.78  | 16.26  |
| 1954-55                                                | ..      | .. | 17.64  | 17.59  | 15.58  | 16.83  | 16.11  | 16.54  | 17.13  |
| 1955-56                                                | ..      | .. | 18.92  | 18.78  | 16.49  | 17.88  | 16.92  | 17.75  | 18.28  |
| 1956-57                                                | ..      | .. | 19.89  | 19.70  | 17.50  | 18.28  | 17.48  | 18.79  | 19.16  |
| 1957-58                                                | ..      | .. | 20.44  | 20.22  | 17.94  | 18.68  | 18.05  | 18.95  | 19.67  |
| 1958-59                                                | ..      | .. | r21.04 | r20.69 | r18.64 | r19.10 | r18.19 | r19.33 | r20.19 |
| 1957-58—                                               |         |    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| March                                                  | Quarter | .. | 19.43  | 19.14  | 16.76  | 18.01  | 17.10  | 18.58  | 18.68  |
| June                                                   | ..      | .. | 20.70  | 20.49  | 18.22  | 18.79  | 18.30  | 19.76  | 19.93  |
| 1958-59—                                               |         |    | r      | r      | r      | r      | r      | r      | r      |
| September                                              | ..      | .. | 20.83  | 20.52  | 18.53  | 19.17  | 18.50  | 18.61  | 20.05  |
| December                                               | ..      | .. | 22.11  | 21.85  | 19.72  | 19.89  | 18.97  | 20.22  | 21.23  |
| March                                                  | ..      | .. | 19.88  | 19.44  | 17.50  | 18.14  | 16.95  | 18.53  | 19.03  |
| June                                                   | ..      | .. | 21.32  | 20.97  | 18.78  | 19.20  | 18.33  | 19.96  | 20.44  |
| 1959-60—                                               |         |    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| September                                              | ..      | .. | 21.91  | 21.72  | 19.60  | 20.39  | 19.19  | 19.82  | 21.15  |
| December                                               | ..      | .. | 23.41  | 22.80  | 20.30  | 20.91  | 19.91  | 20.97  | 22.28  |
| March                                                  | ..      | .. | 21.72  | 21.58  | 18.89  | 20.18  | 18.78  | 20.08  | 20.92  |

(a) Includes salaries. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

| Period.                 | New Dwellings. |        | Other New Buildings. |        | Total New Buildings. |        | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
|                         | Number.        | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Value.                     | Value. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                | £'000. |                      | £'000. |                      | £'000. | £'000.                     | £'000. |
| 1936-37(a) ..           | 1,122          | 1,104  | 154                  | 474    | 1,276                | 1,578  | 408                        | 1,986  |
| 1937-38(a) ..           | 1,394          | 1,413  | 147                  | 472    | 1,541                | 1,885  | 422                        | 2,307  |
| 1938-39(a) ..           | 1,463          | 1,509  | 137                  | 424    | 1,600                | 1,933  | 420                        | 2,353  |
| 1951-52(b) ..           | 2,736          | 6,703  | 164                  | 1,269  | 2,900                | 7,972  | 1,727                      | 9,699  |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 2,506          | 6,472  | 302                  | 1,739  | 2,808                | 8,211  | 1,829                      | 10,040 |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 2,663          | 7,748  | 327                  | 2,537  | 2,990                | 10,285 | 2,071                      | 12,356 |
| 1954-55(c) ..           | 3,673          | 11,245 | 377                  | 4,054  | 4,050                | 15,299 | 2,593                      | 17,892 |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 3,361          | 11,040 | 336                  | 4,994  | 3,697                | 16,034 | 2,847                      | 18,881 |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 3,114          | 10,496 | 327                  | 4,252  | 3,441                | 14,748 | 2,653                      | 17,401 |
| 1957-58.. ..            | 3,451          | 11,973 | 353                  | 4,265  | 3,804                | 16,238 | 2,922                      | 19,160 |
| 1958-59.. ..            | 3,538          | 12,780 | 379                  | 5,538  | 3,917                | 18,318 | 3,338                      | 21,656 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| 1957-58—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| March .. ..             | 3,552          | 11,944 | 348                  | 3,601  | 3,900                | 15,545 | 2,728                      | 18,273 |
| April .. ..             | 3,567          | 12,903 | 360                  | 6,082  | 3,927                | 18,985 | 3,074                      | 22,059 |
| May .. ..               | 3,679          | 12,726 | 419                  | 5,197  | 4,098                | 17,923 | 2,955                      | 20,878 |
| June .. ..              | 3,639          | 12,705 | 401                  | 5,391  | 4,040                | 18,096 | 3,308                      | 21,404 |
| 1958-59—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July .. ..              | 4,411          | 15,447 | 466                  | 7,161  | 4,877                | 22,608 | 3,642                      | 26,250 |
| August .. ..            | 3,459          | 12,432 | 425                  | 6,540  | 3,884                | 18,972 | 3,311                      | 22,283 |
| September ..            | 4,115          | 14,586 | 408                  | 4,563  | 4,523                | 19,149 | 3,761                      | 22,910 |
| October .. ..           | 3,839          | 13,500 | 420                  | 5,384  | 4,259                | 18,884 | 3,303                      | 22,187 |
| November ..             | 3,523          | 12,997 | 347                  | 3,962  | 3,870                | 16,959 | 3,000                      | 19,959 |
| December ..             | 2,787          | 9,928  | 330                  | 4,015  | 3,117                | 13,943 | 2,563                      | 16,506 |
| January .. ..           | 2,712          | 10,176 | 266                  | 3,747  | 2,978                | 13,923 | 2,092                      | 16,015 |
| February ..             | 3,440          | 12,697 | 326                  | 4,395  | 3,766                | 17,092 | 3,103                      | 20,195 |
| March .. ..             | 3,317          | 11,998 | 349                  | 6,695  | 3,666                | 18,693 | 2,658                      | 21,351 |
| April .. ..             | 3,772          | 13,585 | 365                  | 6,277  | 4,137                | 19,862 | 3,633                      | 23,495 |
| May .. ..               | 3,366          | 11,975 | 399                  | 7,507  | 3,765                | 19,482 | 5,069                      | 24,551 |
| June .. ..              | 3,723          | 14,031 | 444                  | 6,210  | 4,167                | 20,241 | 3,924                      | 24,165 |
| 1959-60—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July .. ..              | 4,146          | 14,918 | 459                  | 5,740  | 4,605                | 20,658 | 3,666                      | 24,324 |
| August .. ..            | 3,905          | 15,147 | 507                  | 6,251  | 4,412                | 21,398 | 3,752                      | 25,150 |
| September ..            | 4,099          | 16,056 | 447                  | 5,951  | 4,546                | 22,007 | 4,145                      | 26,152 |
| October .. ..           | 4,031          | 15,104 | 422                  | 10,309 | 4,453                | 25,413 | 3,907                      | 29,320 |
| November ..             | 4,310          | 16,658 | 374                  | 4,064  | 4,684                | 20,722 | 3,809                      | 24,531 |
| December ..             | 2,980          | 12,072 | 315                  | 4,968  | 3,295                | 17,040 | 4,275                      | 21,315 |
| January .. ..           | 3,160          | 12,737 | 271                  | 5,447  | 3,431                | 18,184 | 3,671                      | 21,855 |
| February ..             | 3,950          | 15,523 | 313                  | 4,814  | 4,263                | 20,337 | 3,499                      | 23,836 |
| March .. ..             | 4,823          | 21,252 | 511                  | 6,994  | 5,334                | 28,246 | 5,489                      | 33,735 |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

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# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Australia.               |                                 |                       | New South Wales.         |                      |                                   | Victoria.                |                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              | Private.(a)                     |                       | Government. (b)          | Private.             |                                   | Government.              | Private.                |                                   |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note B. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)1,986                        | (d)627                | n.a.                     | 848                  | 416                               | n.a.                     | 667                     | 62                                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)2,307                        | (d)764                | n.a.                     | 1,093                | 506                               | n.a.                     | 669                     | 78                                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 408                      | (c)2,353                        | (d)755                | 187                      | 1,111                | 495                               | 107                      | 702                     | 63                                |
| 1954-55 ..              | (e)5,936                 | (f)17,892                       | (g)8,365              | 2,461                    | (h)6,340             | (i)3,550                          | 1,779                    | (f)5,598                | (j)1,812                          |
| 1955-56 ..              | 5,845                    | 18,881                          | 9,020                 | 2,399                    | 6,742                | 3,365                             | 1,559                    | 6,163                   | 2,240                             |
| 1956-57 ..              | r5,279                   | 17,401                          | 8,862                 | 2,467                    | 6,365                | 3,323                             | 1,432                    | 5,648                   | 1,991                             |
| 1957-58 ..              | r6,167                   | 19,160                          | 9,862                 | 2,676                    | 6,961                | 3,967                             | 1,717                    | 6,698                   | 2,161                             |
| 1958-59 ..              | r7,130                   | 21,656                          | 10,840                | 3,457                    | 8,077                | 4,295                             | 1,747                    | 7,803                   | 2,290                             |
| 1957-58—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| June... Qtr.            | 7,266                    | 21,447                          | 10,052                | 3,894                    | 8,483                | 3,901                             | 1,526                    | 7,060                   | 2,307                             |
| 1958-59—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| September ..            | r7,202                   | 23,814                          | 11,746                | 3,880                    | 9,120                | 5,011                             | 1,560                    | 8,437                   | 2,504                             |
| December ..             | r6,616                   | 19,551                          | 10,200                | 2,479                    | 7,098                | 3,893                             | 2,526                    | 7,147                   | 2,125                             |
| March ..                | r6,288                   | 19,187                          | 9,088                 | 2,880                    | 6,834                | 3,685                             | 1,122                    | 6,982                   | 2,119                             |
| June ..                 | 8,413                    | 24,070                          | 12,327                | 4,590                    | 9,257                | 4,591                             | 1,782                    | 8,645                   | 2,413                             |
| 1959-60—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| September ..            | 8,113                    | 25,209                          | 12,845                | 3,769                    | 9,685                | 5,340                             | 2,234                    | 8,491                   | 2,802                             |
| December ..             | 8,841                    | 25,055                          | 13,106                | 3,261                    | 10,724               | 6,039                             | 2,323                    | 7,436                   | 2,378                             |
| March ..                | 6,288                    | 26,475                          | 12,142                | 2,590                    | 10,936               | 4,908                             | 2,180                    | 8,423                   | 2,591                             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| 1958-59—                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| February ..             | 6,999                    | 20,195                          | n.a.                  | 3,087                    | 7,676                | 3,525                             | 1,078                    | 6,893                   | 2,362                             |
| March ..                | 8,321                    | 21,351                          | n.a.                  | 3,887                    | 7,042                | 3,555                             | 1,175                    | 8,842                   | 2,067                             |
| April ..                | 9,423                    | 23,495                          | n.a.                  | 6,038                    | 9,084                | 4,677                             | 1,732                    | 8,527                   | 2,556                             |
| May ..                  | 6,710                    | 24,551                          | n.a.                  | 3,717                    | 9,284                | 4,057                             | 1,406                    | 9,531                   | 2,204                             |
| June ..                 | 9,106                    | 24,165                          | n.a.                  | 4,015                    | 9,403                | 5,040                             | 2,208                    | 7,878                   | 2,479                             |
| 1959-60                 |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                      |                                   |                          |                         |                                   |
| July ..                 | 7,151                    | 24,324                          | n.a.                  | 3,291                    | 8,536                | 5,314                             | 2,364                    | 8,389                   | 3,150                             |
| August ..               | 4,932                    | 25,150                          | n.a.                  | 2,288                    | 9,821                | 5,288                             | 1,405                    | 8,488                   | 2,787                             |
| September ..            | 12,255                   | 26,152                          | n.a.                  | 5,727                    | 10,698               | 5,419                             | 2,934                    | 8,595                   | 2,468                             |
| October ..              | 8,885                    | 29,320                          | n.a.                  | 2,092                    | 14,213               | 8,283                             | 2,248                    | 7,934                   | 2,675                             |
| November ..             | r8,512                   | 24,531                          | n.a.                  | 2,851                    | 9,080                | 5,009                             | 2,800                    | 7,437                   | 2,549                             |
| December ..             | 9,137                    | 21,315                          | n.a.                  | 4,838                    | 8,879                | 4,824                             | 1,921                    | 6,938                   | 1,911                             |
| January ..              | 3,835                    | 21,855                          | n.a.                  | 1,140                    | 8,794                | 3,707                             | 1,713                    | 5,990                   | 2,306                             |
| February ..             | 5,858                    | 23,836                          | n.a.                  | 2,688                    | 9,363                | 4,461                             | 1,641                    | 8,204                   | 2,404                             |
| March ..                | 9,171                    | 33,735                          | n.a.                  | 3,943                    | 14,652               | 6,557                             | 3,187                    | 11,077                  | 3,062                             |

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.  
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See note (c), page 33. (f) Additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas" were included in the metropolitan area as from July, 1947 and July, 1954. For details see November, 1956 issue of this publication. (g) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. See also note (h) below. (h) From July, 1954 the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1955, issue of this publication. (i) See A below. See also note (h) above. (j) See B below. See also note (h) above.

## NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.  
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period                  | Queensland.              |                        |                                   | South Australia.         |                        |                                   | Western Australia.       |                     |                                   | Tasmania.                |                      |                                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              | Private.(a)            |                                   | Government.(b)           | Private.(a)            |                                   | Government.              | Private.(a)         |                                   | Government.              | Private.(a)          |                                   |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Brisbane Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note C. | Common-wealth and State. | Adelaide Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note D. | Common-wealth and State. | Perth Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note E. | Common-wealth and State. | Hobart Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note F. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | 153                    | 98                                | n.a.                     | 118                    | 32                                | n.a.                     | 168                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 32                   | 19                                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | 167                    | 114                               | n.a.                     | 173                    | 48                                | n.a.                     | 174                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 31                   | 18                                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 34                       | 171                    | 118                               | 22                       | 192                    | 63                                | 38                       | 145                 | n.a.                              | 20                       | 32                   | 16                                |
| 1954-55 ..              | (c) 489                  | 1,449                  | (d) 1,545                         | 475                      | 2,171                  | 463                               | 570                      | 1,941               | 535                               | 162                      | (e) 393              | (f) 460                           |
| 1955-56 ..              | 545                      | 1,679                  | 1,669                             | 959                      | 2,403                  | 812                               | 277                      | 1,494               | 413                               | 106                      | 400                  | 521                               |
| 1956-57 ..              | 346                      | 1,553                  | 1,850                             | 482                      | 1,911                  | 698                               | r314                     | 1,470               | 435                               | 238                      | 454                  | 565                               |
| 1957-58 ..              | 614                      | 1,702                  | 1,970                             | 536                      | 2,066                  | 763                               | r422                     | 1,321               | 520                               | 202                      | 412                  | 481                               |
| 1958-59 ..              | 521                      | 1,863                  | 2,141                             | 685                      | 2,268                  | 1,120                             | r499                     | 1,231               | 479                               | 221                      | 414                  | 515                               |
| 1957-58—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| June Qtr.               | 494                      | 2,180                  | 1,992                             | 758                      | 2,027                  | 849                               | 407                      | 1,247               | 521                               | 187                      | 450                  | 482                               |
| 1958-59—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| Sept. "                 | 508                      | 1,844                  | 2,053                             | 443                      | 2,586                  | 1,150                             | r691                     | 1,347               | 515                               | 120                      | 480                  | 513                               |
| Dec. "                  | 386                      | 1,714                  | 2,131                             | 606                      | 2,082                  | 1,057                             | r355                     | 1,182               | 463                               | 264                      | 328                  | 531                               |
| Mar. "                  | 659                      | 1,866                  | 1,712                             | 888                      | 2,079                  | 700                               | r553                     | 1,016               | 413                               | 186                      | 410                  | 459                               |
| June "                  | 530                      | 2,027                  | 2,670                             | 804                      | 2,324                  | 1,571                             | 395                      | 1,379               | 525                               | 312                      | 438                  | 557                               |
| 1959-60—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| Sept. "                 | 618                      | 2,330                  | 2,538                             | 634                      | 2,611                  | 988                               | 532                      | 1,572               | 546                               | 326                      | 520                  | 631                               |
| Dec. "                  | 667                      | 2,329                  | 2,211                             | 1,125                    | 2,607                  | 1,255                             | 559                      | 1,376               | 521                               | 906                      | 583                  | 702                               |
| Mar. "                  | 742                      | 2,165                  | 2,212                             | 252                      | 2,832                  | 1,364                             | 469                      | 1,504               | 509                               | 55                       | 615                  | 558                               |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| 1958-59—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| February ..             | 911                      | 1,934                  | 1,849                             | 808                      | 2,218                  | n.a.                              | 937                      | 1,142               | 425                               | 178                      | 332                  | 478                               |
| March ..                | 717                      | 1,820                  | 1,838                             | 1,722                    | 2,217                  | n.a.                              | 518                      | 1,053               | 463                               | 302                      | 377                  | 478                               |
| April ..                | 215                      | 1,807                  | 2,611                             | 795                      | 2,078                  | n.a.                              | 491                      | 1,615               | 526                               | 152                      | 384                  | 762                               |
| May ..                  | 298                      | 1,823                  | 2,675                             | 831                      | 2,131                  | n.a.                              | 142                      | 1,205               | 531                               | 316                      | 577                  | 541                               |
| June ..                 | 1,075                    | 2,452                  | 2,724                             | 788                      | 2,762                  | n.a.                              | 551                      | 1,316               | 519                               | 469                      | 354                  | 368                               |
| 1959-60—                |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                      |                                   |
| July ..                 | 306                      | 2,282                  | 2,836                             | 475                      | 3,077                  | n.a.                              | 487                      | 1,551               | 549                               | 228                      | 489                  | 731                               |
| August ..               | 344                      | 2,740                  | 2,699                             | 244                      | 2,177                  | n.a.                              | 143                      | 1,460               | 520                               | 508                      | 464                  | 621                               |
| September               | 1,206                    | 1,967                  | 2,080                             | 1,182                    | 2,579                  | n.a.                              | 965                      | 1,705               | 570                               | 241                      | 608                  | 541                               |
| October ..              | 672                      | 2,452                  | 2,079                             | 2,590                    | 2,686                  | n.a.                              | 791                      | 1,428               | 580                               | 492                      | 607                  | 672                               |
| November ..             | 334                      | 2,881                  | 2,314                             | r302                     | 3,244                  | n.a.                              | 466                      | 1,376               | 421                               | 1,759                    | 513                  | 591                               |
| December ..             | 996                      | 1,654                  | 2,240                             | 494                      | 1,891                  | n.a.                              | 420                      | 1,324               | 563                               | 468                      | 629                  | 842                               |
| January ..              | 331                      | 2,416                  | 1,797                             | 364                      | 2,960                  | n.a.                              | 217                      | 1,320               | 373                               | 70                       | 375                  | 412                               |
| February ..             | 695                      | 1,837                  | 2,158                             | 142                      | 2,576                  | n.a.                              | 666                      | 1,186               | 564                               | 26                       | 670                  | 671                               |
| March ..                | 1,200                    | 2,241                  | 2,685                             | 249                      | 2,960                  | n.a.                              | 524                      | 2,005               | 590                               | 68                       | 800                  | 591                               |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.  
 (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (d) See C below. (e) Previously Hobart city area only. See also note (h) page 32. (f) See F below. See also note (h) page 32.

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947 thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                   | Commenced.        |        |          | Completed.        |        |         | Under Construction at end of period. |         |           |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|-------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                           | Houses and Flats. | Other. | Total.   | Houses and Flats. | Other. | Total.  | Houses and Flats.                    | Other.  | Total.    |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | a 49,254          | 23,428 | a 72,682 | 49,780            | 20,130 | 69,910  | a 163,798                            | 132,339 | a 296,137 |
| 1954-55(b) ..             | 53,263            | 31,710 | 84,973   | 55,529            | 23,063 | 78,592  | 162,978                              | 170,592 | 333,570   |
| 1955-56 .. ..             | 53,021            | 41,171 | 94,192   | 56,565            | 31,602 | 88,167  | 156,393                              | 218,652 | 375,045   |
| 1956-57 .. ..             | 52,355            | 37,386 | 89,741   | 52,434            | 37,957 | 90,391  | 161,478                              | 224,758 | 386,236   |
| 1957-58 .. ..             | 57,259            | 37,929 | 95,188   | 57,875            | 48,410 | 106,285 | 163,698                              | 191,772 | 355,470   |
| 1958-59 .. ..             | 63,698            | 44,280 | 107,978  | 65,919            | 45,074 | 110,993 | 159,682                              | 193,771 | 353,453   |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| 1957-58—                  |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| Sept. Qtr. ..             | 59,147            | 39,139 | 98,286   | 53,910            | 55,215 | 109,125 | 168,068                              | 212,075 | 380,143   |
| Dec. " ..                 | 53,014            | 31,753 | 84,767   | 61,801            | 44,466 | 106,267 | 160,581                              | 201,631 | 362,212   |
| Mar. " ..                 | 55,656            | 39,157 | 94,813   | 53,089            | 46,986 | 102,075 | 162,319                              | 196,037 | 358,356   |
| June " ..                 | 61,220            | 41,668 | 102,888  | 60,698            | 46,974 | 107,672 | 163,698                              | 191,772 | 355,470   |
| 1958-59—                  |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| Sept. " ..                | 67,969            | 49,085 | 117,054  | 64,432            | 42,427 | 106,859 | 168,746                              | 201,441 | 370,187   |
| Dec. " ..                 | 57,096            | 33,205 | 90,301   | 70,439            | 54,087 | 124,526 | 156,777                              | 181,983 | 338,760   |
| Mar. " ..                 | 63,683            | 41,432 | 105,115  | 60,786            | 40,864 | 101,650 | 160,823                              | 182,743 | 343,566   |
| June " ..                 | 66,043            | 53,398 | 119,441  | 68,017            | 42,919 | 110,936 | 159,682                              | 193,771 | 353,453   |
| 1959-60—                  |                   |        |          |                   |        |         |                                      |         |           |
| Sept. " ..                | 69,063            | 61,214 | 130,277  | 69,183            | 52,555 | 121,738 | 160,739                              | 203,441 | 364,180   |
| Dec. " ..                 | 68,664            | 50,314 | 118,978  | 73,102            | 49,364 | 122,466 | 157,121                              | 205,469 | 362,590   |

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

## VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.  |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| 1953-54 .. ..             | 25,386           | 21,680    | 6,478       | 6,527            | 6,446              | 2,423     | n.a.                | 970                           | 69,910  |
| 1954-55 .. ..             | 27,674           | 24,733    | 7,080       | 6,770            | 8,524              | 2,662     | 413                 | 736                           | 78,592  |
| 1955-56 .. ..             | 31,035           | 27,899    | 7,630       | 8,429            | 8,419              | 3,199     | 484                 | 1,072                         | 88,167  |
| 1956-57 .. ..             | 33,274           | 28,708    | 8,846       | 8,499            | 5,856              | 3,152     | 571                 | 1,485                         | 90,391  |
| 1957-58 .. ..             | 42,310           | 32,939    | 9,510       | 9,512            | 6,816              | 3,210     | 528                 | 1,460                         | 106,285 |
| 1958-59 .. ..             | 39,960           | 34,359    | 11,250      | 11,099           | 7,566              | 3,362     | 647                 | 2,750                         | 110,993 |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| 1957-58—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| Sept. Qtr. ..             | 44,859           | 33,424    | 9,815       | 9,012            | 6,297              | 3,192     | 698                 | 1,828                         | 109,125 |
| Dec. " ..                 | 40,688           | 31,954    | 10,263      | 10,178           | 8,044              | 3,312     | 502                 | 1,326                         | 106,267 |
| Mar. " ..                 | 41,293           | 31,470    | 9,952       | 9,083            | 6,433              | 2,715     | 311                 | 818                           | 102,075 |
| June " ..                 | 42,400           | 34,908    | 8,013       | 9,774            | 6,488              | 3,621     | 599                 | 1,869                         | 107,672 |
| 1958-59—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| Sept. " ..                | 39,545           | 30,964    | 10,657      | 9,731            | 9,706              | 3,066     | 538                 | 2,652                         | 106,859 |
| Dec. " ..                 | 43,090           | 39,640    | 12,753      | 14,056           | 7,821              | 3,157     | 752                 | 3,257                         | 124,526 |
| Mar. " ..                 | 39,600           | 30,775    | 9,703       | 9,472            | 6,236              | 2,922     | 773                 | 2,169                         | 101,650 |
| June " ..                 | 37,606           | 36,058    | 11,887      | 11,135           | 6,499              | 4,305     | 525                 | 2,921                         | 110,936 |
| 1959-60—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |         |
| Sept. " ..                | 43,363           | 35,644    | 12,066      | 11,313           | 7,261              | 3,739     | 635                 | 7,717                         | 121,738 |
| Dec. " ..                 | 41,694           | 40,131    | 13,890      | 12,206           | 8,380              | 3,162     | 595                 | 2,408                         | 122,466 |

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period.                              | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| COMMENCED.                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1953-54 .. ..                        | (b)7,098         | 5,413     | 2,179       | 1,737            | 2,015              | 681       | n.a.                | 96                            | (b)19,219 |
| 1954-55 .. ..                        | 6,282            | 5,964     | 2,016       | 1,816            | 2,239              | 738       | 62                  | 192                           | 19,309    |
| 1955-56 .. ..                        | 6,096            | 5,490     | 1,847       | 2,127            | 1,672              | 631       | 85                  | 207                           | 18,155    |
| 1956-57 .. ..                        | 6,080            | 5,190     | 1,963       | 1,782            | 1,429              | 665       | 63                  | 192                           | 17,364    |
| 1957-58 .. ..                        | 6,461            | 5,804     | 1,836       | 1,863            | 1,390              | 616       | 78                  | 289                           | 18,337    |
| 1958-59 .. ..                        | 7,371            | 6,067     | 2,222       | 2,219            | 1,368              | 692       | 83                  | 399                           | 20,421    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1957-58—Mar. Qtr.                    | 6,223            | 6,055     | 1,779       | 1,666            | 1,282              | 583       | 100                 | 198                           | 17,886    |
| June ..                              | 6,862            | 6,289     | 1,968       | 1,948            | 1,345              | 665       | 100                 | 316                           | 19,493    |
| 1958-59—Sept. ..                     | 7,721            | 6,444     | 2,390       | 2,170            | 1,497              | 725       | 101                 | 549                           | 21,597    |
| Dec. ..                              | 6,851            | 5,749     | 1,975       | 2,126            | 1,132              | 692       | 46                  | 211                           | 18,782    |
| Mar. ..                              | 7,557            | 5,964     | 2,128       | 2,052            | 1,450              | 651       | 95                  | 453                           | 20,350    |
| June ..                              | 7,357            | 6,112     | 2,394       | 2,528            | 1,392              | 701       | 92                  | 382                           | 20,958    |
| 1959-60—Sept. ..                     | 8,254            | 6,100     | 2,478       | 2,442            | 1,523              | 620       | 83                  | 418                           | 21,918    |
| Dec. ..                              | 7,858            | 6,649     | 2,453       | 2,356            | 1,358              | 674       | 125                 | 415                           | 21,888    |
| Mar. ..                              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               | p22,615   |
| COMPLETED.                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1953-54 .. ..                        | 6,881            | 5,571     | 2,279       | 1,905            | 1,960              | 661       | n.a.                | 138                           | 19,395    |
| 1954-55 .. ..                        | 7,396            | 6,155     | 2,059       | 1,857            | 2,277              | 632       | 50                  | 102                           | 20,528    |
| 1955-56 .. ..                        | 6,786            | 5,981     | 1,899       | 1,952            | 2,086              | 693       | 78                  | 151                           | 19,626    |
| 1956-57 .. ..                        | 5,782            | 5,270     | 1,848       | 1,856            | 1,349              | 716       | 82                  | 206                           | 17,109    |
| 1957-58 .. ..                        | 6,611            | 5,618     | 1,922       | 1,994            | 1,592              | 652       | 68                  | 189                           | 18,646    |
| 1958-59 .. ..                        | 7,508            | 6,441     | 2,214       | 2,196            | 1,514              | 677       | 89                  | 401                           | 21,040    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1957-58—Mar. Qtr.                    | 6,479            | 5,289     | 1,872       | 1,870            | 1,301              | 615       | 53                  | 148                           | 17,627    |
| June ..                              | 7,224            | 5,962     | 1,807       | 1,954            | 1,480              | 621       | 75                  | 261                           | 19,384    |
| 1958-59—Sept. ..                     | 7,494            | 6,386     | 2,089       | 2,204            | 1,342              | 595       | 79                  | 341                           | 20,530    |
| Dec. ..                              | 7,706            | 7,076     | 2,301       | 2,239            | 1,858              | 614       | 102                 | 490                           | 22,386    |
| Mar. ..                              | 6,905            | 5,882     | 2,190       | 1,980            | 1,387              | 632       | 111                 | 326                           | 19,413    |
| June ..                              | 7,925            | 6,419     | 2,277       | 2,360            | 1,471              | 867       | 64                  | 446                           | 21,829    |
| 1959-60—Sept. ..                     | 8,300            | 6,271     | 2,424       | 2,309            | 1,613              | 656       | 75                  | 495                           | 22,143    |
| Dec. ..                              | 8,071            | 7,119     | 2,648       | 2,570            | 1,615              | 638       | 95                  | 407                           | 23,163    |
| Mar. ..                              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               | p20,910   |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |           |
| 1953-54 .. ..                        | (b)25,348        | 21,730    | 3,593       | 5,865            | 6,406              | 2,195     | n.a.                | 477                           | (b)65,614 |
| 1954-55 .. ..                        | 20,875           | 20,964    | 3,421       | 5,684            | 6,253              | 2,621     | 211                 | 837                           | 60,866    |
| 1955-56 .. ..                        | 18,103           | 18,978    | 3,213       | 6,373            | 4,596              | 2,375     | 240                 | 1,057                         | 54,935    |
| 1956-57 .. ..                        | 19,248           | 18,655    | 3,674       | 6,038            | 4,919              | 2,171     | 163                 | 1,001                         | 55,869    |
| 1957-58 .. ..                        | 18,640           | 19,400    | 3,331       | 5,510            | 4,114              | 2,027     | 199                 | 1,402                         | 54,623    |
| 1958-59 .. ..                        | 18,103           | 17,906    | 3,361       | 5,603            | 3,527              | 2,088     | 177                 | 1,394                         | 52,159    |
| 1957-58—Mar. Qtr...                  | 19,006           | 19,073    | 3,170       | 5,516            | 4,249              | 1,983     | 174                 | 1,347                         | 54,518    |
| June ..                              | 18,640           | 19,400    | 3,331       | 5,510            | 4,114              | 2,027     | 199                 | 1,402                         | 54,623    |
| 1958-59—Sept. ..                     | 18,879           | 19,458    | 3,632       | 5,476            | 4,269              | 2,157     | 221                 | 1,610                         | 55,702    |
| Dec. ..                              | 18,024           | 18,131    | 3,306       | 5,363            | 3,543              | 2,235     | 165                 | 1,331                         | 52,098    |
| Mar. ..                              | 18,676           | 18,213    | 3,244       | 5,435            | 3,606              | 2,254     | 149                 | 1,458                         | 53,035    |
| June ..                              | 18,103           | 17,906    | 3,361       | 5,603            | 3,527              | 2,088     | 177                 | 1,394                         | 52,159    |
| 1959-60—Sept. ..                     | 18,055           | 17,735    | 3,415       | 5,736            | 3,437              | 2,052     | 185                 | 1,317                         | 51,932    |
| Dec. ..                              | 17,842           | 17,265    | 3,220       | 5,522            | 3,180              | 2,088     | 215                 | 1,325                         | 50,657    |
| Mar. ..                              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               | p52,362   |

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units". (b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period.         | Black Coal.       |               |               | Brown Coal.   | Gold,<br>(Mine<br>Pro-<br>duction).<br>(a) | Heat, Light and<br>Power.        |                                              | Metals.          |                        |                             |                             |                            |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                 | Under-<br>ground. | Open<br>Cut.  | Total.        |               |                                            | Gas<br>made in<br>Gas-<br>works. | Total<br>Elec-<br>tricity<br>Gener-<br>ated. | Pig Iron.<br>(b) | Ingot<br>Steel.<br>(b) | Zinc,<br>Refined.<br>(c)(d) | Lead,<br>Refined.<br>(c)(e) | Copper,<br>Refined.<br>(c) |
|                 | '000<br>tons.     | '000<br>tons. | '000<br>tons. | '000<br>tons. | '000<br>fine<br>oz.                        | Million<br>cubic<br>feet.        | Million<br>kWh.                              | '000<br>tons.    | '000<br>tons.          | Tons.                       | Tons.                       | Tons.                      |
| <b>Monthly</b>  |                   |               |               |               |                                            |                                  |                                              |                  |                        |                             |                             |                            |
| <b>Average—</b> |                   |               |               |               |                                            |                                  |                                              | (f)              | (f)                    |                             |                             |                            |
| 1936-37 ..      | 976               | 1             | 977           | 258           | 108.2                                      | 1,679                            | 331                                          | 76.1             | 90.0                   | 5,840                       | 17,562                      | 1,280                      |
| 1937-38 ..      | 988               | 2             | 990           | 300           | 123.3                                      | 1,746                            | 363                                          | 77.5             | 97.2                   | 5,810                       | 18,797                      | 1,437                      |
| 1938-39 ..      | 1,048             | 3             | 1,051         | 267           | 135.1                                      | 1,789                            | 391                                          | 92.1             | 97.5                   | 5,819                       | 19,416                      | 1,457                      |
| 1952-53 ..      | 1,251             | 294           | 1,545         | 673           | 86.5                                       | 3,439                            | 1,004                                        | 141.0            | 150.1                  | 7,181                       | 16,030                      | 1,595                      |
| 1953-54 ..      | 1,362             | 257           | 1,619         | 728           | 92.6                                       | 3,508                            | 1,142                                        | 152.2            | 176.4                  | 8,267                       | 19,669                      | 1,742                      |
| 1954-55 ..      | 1,393             | 220           | 1,613         | 806           | 90.0                                       | 3,622                            | 1,264                                        | 155.7            | 184.1                  | 8,376                       | 19,613                      | 2,533                      |
| 1955-56 ..      | 1,403             | 183           | 1,586         | 865           | 86.0                                       | 3,719                            | 1,399                                        | 159.2            | 193.4                  | 8,664                       | 18,399                      | 2,039                      |
| 1956-57 ..      | 1,469             | 174           | 1,643         | 898           | 88.5                                       | 3,878                            | 1,531                                        | 174.8            | 231.2                  | 8,885                       | 19,983                      | 2,711                      |
| 1957-58 ..      | 1,519             | 178           | 1,697         | 906           | 90.3                                       | 4,024                            | 1,649                                        | 190.1            | 254.4                  | 9,594                       | 21,359                      | 2,987                      |
| 1958-59 p ..    | 1,549             | 150           | 1,699         | 1,028         | 91.4                                       | 4,055                            | 1,761                                        | 190.7            | 266.2                  | 9,559                       | 19,912                      | 3,741                      |
| <b>Monthly</b>  |                   |               |               |               |                                            |                                  |                                              |                  |                        |                             |                             |                            |
| <b>Total—</b>   |                   |               |               |               |                                            |                                  |                                              |                  |                        |                             |                             |                            |
| 1957-58—        |                   |               |               |               |                                            |                                  |                                              |                  |                        |                             |                             |                            |
| February        | 1,467             | 194           | 1,661         | 807           | 84.1                                       | 3,232                            | 1,468                                        | 172.6            | 227.6                  | 8,609                       | 18,865                      | 2,920                      |
| March ..        | 1,486             | 184           | 1,670         | 889           | 85.5                                       | 3,663                            | 1,632                                        | 196.6            | 260.1                  | 9,560                       | 22,072                      | 3,708                      |
| April ..        | 1,444             | 176           | 1,620         | 901           | 81.7                                       | 3,701                            | 1,588                                        | 186.5            | 248.7                  | 9,306                       | 22,985                      | 3,414                      |
| May ..          | 1,565             | 204           | 1,769         | 1,001         | 88.1                                       | 4,203                            | 1,766                                        | 199.5            | 271.5                  | 9,748                       | 22,598                      | 3,537                      |
| June ..         | 1,553             | 155           | 1,708         | 1,000         | 95.9                                       | 4,646                            | 1,813                                        | 178.9            | 256.6                  | 9,811                       | 22,051                      | 4,265                      |
| 1958-59 p—      |                   |               |               |               |                                            |                                  |                                              |                  |                        |                             |                             |                            |
| July ..         | 1,818             | 199           | 2,017         | 1,118         | 107.9                                      | 5,131                            | 1,968                                        | 190.0            | 270.5                  | 9,591                       | 19,131                      | 3,946                      |
| August ..       | 1,663             | 174           | 1,837         | 1,060         | 85.3                                       | 4,774                            | 1,852                                        | 194.7            | 267.2                  | 9,888                       | 19,802                      | 4,202                      |
| September       | 1,630             | 173           | 1,803         | 1,061         | 99.0                                       | 4,431                            | 1,775                                        | 189.2            | 263.6                  | 9,663                       | 19,997                      | 4,639                      |
| October         | 1,836             | 158           | 1,994         | 1,032         | 92.7                                       | 4,147                            | 1,774                                        | 182.0            | 265.3                  | 9,862                       | 18,284                      | 4,479                      |
| November        | 1,600             | 164           | 1,764         | 998           | 86.9                                       | 3,663                            | 1,660                                        | 188.5            | 262.7                  | 9,382                       | 21,120                      | 3,898                      |
| December        | 1,197             | 152           | 1,349         | 926           | 100.8                                      | 3,596                            | 1,638                                        | 200.2            | 269.9                  | 9,696                       | 12,014                      | 2,020                      |
| January ..      | 1,010             | 123           | 1,133         | 900           | 79.8                                       | 3,253                            | 1,591                                        | 198.7            | 267.6                  | 9,412                       | 12,212                      | 2,433                      |
| February        | 1,532             | 128           | 1,660         | 891           | 85.4                                       | 3,190                            | 1,574                                        | 180.1            | 244.0                  | 8,587                       | 20,336                      | 3,636                      |
| March ..        | 1,556             | 117           | 1,673         | 1,011         | 93.9                                       | 3,384                            | 1,688                                        | 187.6            | 274.2                  | 9,606                       | 18,821                      | 3,800                      |
| April ..        | 1,565             | 136           | 1,701         | 1,024         | 82.8                                       | 3,769                            | 1,731                                        | 192.2            | 265.4                  | 9,350                       | 19,851                      | 3,687                      |
| May ..          | 1,542             | 129           | 1,671         | 1,130         | 82.8                                       | 4,453                            | 1,893                                        | 206.5            | 287.4                  | 9,944                       | 18,919                      | 4,207                      |
| June ..         | 1,640             | 142           | 1,782         | 1,188         | 99.6                                       | 4,864                            | 1,987                                        | 231.1            | 291.7                  | 9,731                       | 20,458                      | 3,942                      |
| 1959-60 p—      |                   |               |               |               |                                            |                                  |                                              |                  |                        |                             |                             |                            |
| July ..         | 1,739             | 148           | 1,887         | 1,262         | 90.2                                       | 5,108                            | 2,121                                        | 210.4            | 290.7                  | 9,990                       | 18,876                      | 3,928                      |
| August ..       | 1,631             | 160           | 1,791         | 1,209         | 86.8                                       | 4,919                            | 2,032                                        | 212.3            | 285.0                  | 10,083                      | 12,077                      | 3,874                      |
| September       | 1,727             | 164           | 1,891         | 1,150         | 93.5                                       | 4,433                            | 1,930                                        | 207.9            | 277.0                  | 9,808                       | 20,049                      | 5,620                      |
| October ..      | 1,692             | 150           | 1,842         | 1,162         | 95.1                                       | 4,344                            | 1,941                                        | 256.9            | 306.5                  | 10,120                      | 17,661                      | 6,694                      |
| November        | 1,657             | 157           | 1,814         | 1,123         | 96.1                                       | 3,776                            | 1,840                                        | 206.9            | 297.0                  | 9,736                       | 20,056                      | 5,678                      |
| December        | 1,119             | 131           | 1,250         | 1,015         | 103.5                                      | 3,615                            | 1,781                                        | 212.9            | 295.3                  | 10,094                      | 19,800                      | 4,046                      |
| January ..      | 1,173             | 108           | 1,281         | 1,062         | 79.1                                       | 3,272                            | 1,735                                        | 215.0            | 283.9                  | 9,842                       | 21,712                      | 4,186                      |
| February        | 1,577             | 133           | 1,710         | 1,168         | 80.2                                       | 3,388                            | 1,766                                        | 194.4            | 273.9                  | 9,247                       | 20,704                      | 6,187                      |
| March ..        |                   |               |               |               |                                            | 3,717                            | 1,937                                        | 219.2            | 296.0                  | 9,944                       | 19,700                      |                            |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.  
 (d) Includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

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# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period.          | Building Materials. |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         | Cooking Stoves. |         |               | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                  | Clay Bricks.        | Roofing Tiles. |         | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) |                         |
|                  |                     | Terra-cotta.   | Cement. |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| Monthly Average— | Million.            | '000.          | '000.   | '000 sq. yds. (d)       | Million sup. ft.        | '000 tons.       | '000 sq. yds.           | No.             | No.     | No.           | No.                     |
| 1936-37 ..       | 53.1                | 2,630          | 326     | 522                     | 53.6                    | 60.0             | 567                     | n.a.            | n.a.    | n.a.          | n.a.                    |
| 1937-38 ..       | 57.4                | 3,023          | 430     | 678                     | 62.2                    | 71.0             | 619                     | 4,562           | 3,481   | 749           | 1,257                   |
| 1938-39 ..       | 60.0                | 3,307          | 374     | 791                     | 59.8                    | 72.3             | 634                     | 4,538           | 3,894   | 730           | 2,458                   |
| 1952-53 ..       | 55.6                | 4,831          | 3,338   | 2,022                   | 111.6                   | 119.9            | 1,285                   | 3,994           | 2,978   | 1,883         | 15,179                  |
| 1953-54 ..       | 66.8                | 5,315          | 3,721   | 2,174                   | 116.7                   | 141.7            | 1,349                   | 4,198           | 3,587   | 3,098         | 22,874                  |
| 1954-55 ..       | 69.9                | 5,328          | 4,477   | 2,340                   | 120.8                   | 160.0            | 1,482                   | 4,147           | 4,897   | 3,929         | 23,381                  |
| 1955-56 ..       | 70.0                | 5,392          | 4,483   | 2,208                   | 121.2                   | 169.6            | (e)1,510                | 3,942           | 4,753   | 3,984         | 20,617                  |
| 1956-57 ..       | 67.1                | 4,806          | 3,716   | 2,120                   | 118.3                   | 181.0            | 1,355                   | 3,834           | 4,550   | 4,323         | 16,293                  |
| 1957-58 ..       | 73.2                | 4,911          | 4,122   | 2,169                   | 115.9                   | 190.9            | 1,453                   | 3,602           | 4,663   | 4,588         | 16,327                  |
| 1958-59p ..      | 79.9                | 4,942          | 4,348   | 2,239                   | 123.4                   | 207.6            | 1,488                   | 3,372           | 5,505   | 5,440         | 18,063                  |
| Monthly Total—   |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| 1957-58—         |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| March ..         | 73.7                | 4,991          | 4,140   | 2,488                   | 120.6                   | 200.0            | 1,442                   | 2,847           | 4,333   | 4,994         | 13,949                  |
| April ..         | 72.2                | 4,949          | 3,929   | 2,026                   | 107.9                   | 196.1            | 1,439                   | 3,038           | 4,326   | 4,142         | 11,538                  |
| May ..           | 82.2                | 5,196          | 4,429   | 2,760                   | 123.4                   | 209.3            | 1,559                   | 3,146           | 4,234   | 4,983         | 13,210                  |
| June ..          | 75.0                | 4,878          | 3,980   | 2,077                   | 122.2                   | 206.1            | 1,455                   | 2,960           | 3,976   | 4,565         | 13,181                  |
| 1958-59 p—       |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..          | 87.3                | 5,392          | 4,434   | 2,450                   | 124.4                   | 208.7            | 1,603                   | 3,959           | 5,347   | 5,637         | 18,623                  |
| August ..        | 79.7                | 4,959          | 4,194   | 2,456                   | 135.6                   | 215.2            | 1,513                   | 4,177           | 5,558   | 5,173         | 19,881                  |
| September ..     | 86.8                | 5,145          | 4,529   | 2,241                   | 131.5                   | 212.7            | 1,571                   | 4,143           | 6,662   | 5,196         | 21,527                  |
| October..        | 86.1                | 5,556          | 4,794   | 2,371                   | 136.8                   | 223.9            | 1,625                   | 3,736           | 7,212   | 5,881         | 27,632                  |
| November ..      | 79.0                | 4,945          | 4,464   | 2,446                   | 130.6                   | 210.2            | 1,544                   | 3,312           | 6,268   | 5,361         | 23,445                  |
| December ..      | 73.3                | 4,221          | 3,770   | 1,897                   | 115.7                   | 192.6            | 1,276                   | 3,107           | 5,798   | 4,956         | 23,389                  |
| January ..       | 53.4                | 3,571          | 3,134   | 1,587                   | 90.6                    | 158.7            | 1,098                   | 2,105           | 3,838   | 3,340         | 13,725                  |
| February ..      | 75.9                | 4,909          | 4,383   | 2,209                   | 105.2                   | 190.3            | 1,478                   | 2,972           | 6,111   | 5,620         | 16,809                  |
| March ..         | 81.6                | 4,881          | 4,388   | 1,875                   | 116.8                   | 215.3            | 1,448                   | 3,234           | 5,130   | 5,826         | 12,406                  |
| April ..         | 84.7                | 5,467          | 4,810   | 2,333                   | 120.2                   | 218.5            | 1,610                   | 3,252           | 5,653   | 6,514         | 12,439                  |
| May ..           | 85.6                | 5,216          | 4,720   | 2,622                   | 133.9                   | 232.5            | 1,551                   | 3,061           | 4,397   | 5,996         | 12,645                  |
| June ..          | 85.6                | 5,041          | 4,560   | 2,375                   | 138.8                   | 212.6            | 1,542                   | 3,406           | 4,091   | 5,775         | 14,238                  |
| 1959-60 p—       |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..          | 89.8                | 5,604          | 4,857   | 2,575                   | 135.2                   | 223.2            | 1,640                   | 3,759           | 6,843   | 5,947         | 20,131                  |
| August ..        | 86.6                | 4,841          | 5,064   | 2,852                   | 129.5                   | 229.0            | 1,555                   | 3,444           | 7,190   | 5,487         | 19,185                  |
| September ..     | 94.6                | 5,324          | 5,116   | 2,647                   | 134.1                   | 225.6            | 1,603                   | 3,356           | 8,116   | 6,490         | 25,915                  |
| October..        | 91.4                | 4,892          | 5,035   | 2,804                   | 136.2                   | 226.4            | 1,631                   | 3,349           | 7,625   | 6,436         | 30,863                  |
| November ..      | 85.8                | 4,612          | 5,073   | 2,826                   | 133.9                   | 225.0            | 1,597                   | 3,143           | 7,435   | 6,958         | 27,367                  |
| December ..      | 79.4                | 4,310          | 4,303   | 2,405                   | 119.5                   | 217.5            | 1,340                   | 3,078           | 7,033   | 6,792         | 25,187                  |
| January ..       | 57.3                | 3,219          | 3,210   | 1,474                   | 94.1                    | 170.7            | 1,096                   | 1,873           | 4,000   | 3,676         | 17,098                  |
| February ..      | 85.9                | 4,585          | 4,481   | 2,545                   |                         | 212.1            | 1,571                   | 2,860           | 6,831   | 6,154         | 17,894                  |
| March ..         | 98.9                | 5,533          | 5,373   | 2,469                   |                         | 228.2            | 1,736                   | 3,099           | 7,362   | 7,610         | 17,471                  |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.  
(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.  
(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

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# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period.                 | Cotton Textiles. |                                                     | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Wool Textiles.               |             |                  | Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                         | Cotton Yarn.     | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). |                     | Scoured and Carbonized Wool. | Yarn.       | Woven Cloth.     |                                            |
|                         | '000 lb.         | '000 sq. yds.                                       | '000 sq. yds.       | Million lb.                  | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs.                                |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                                            |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 730              | n.a.                                                | n.a.                | 8.4                          | 2.14        | 2.04             | 1,208                                      |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 965              | n.a.                                                | n.a.                | 7.9                          | 2.51        | 2.47             | 1,176                                      |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 974              | n.a.                                                | n.a.                | 8.8                          | 2.71        | 2.65             | 1,164                                      |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 2,302            | 2,052                                               | 1,289               | 10.3                         | 2.97        | 2.39             | 1,498                                      |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 3,175            | 2,678                                               | 1,686               | 11.4                         | 3.83        | 2.73             | 1,706                                      |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 3,458            | 2,753                                               | 1,259               | 11.3                         | 3.56        | 2.38             | 1,657                                      |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 3,379            | 3,222                                               | 1,308               | 12.1                         | 3.60        | 2.33             | 1,651                                      |
| 1956-57 .. ..           | 3,498            | 3,856                                               | 1,895               | 13.8                         | 3.98        | 2.73             | 1,745                                      |
| 1957-58 .. ..           | 3,720            | 3,695                                               | 1,768               | 12.8                         | 3.82        | 2.68             | 1,782                                      |
| 1958-59p .. ..          | 3,591            | 3,521                                               | 1,365               | 12.9                         | 3.42        | 2.27             | 2,002                                      |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                                            |
| <b>1957-58—</b>         |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                                            |
| March .. ..             | 3,807            | 3,735                                               | 1,681               | 13.3                         | 4.15        | 2.93             | 1,732                                      |
| April .. ..             | 3,902            | 3,879                                               | 1,528               | 10.6                         | 3.90        | 2.56             | 1,699                                      |
| May .. ..               | 3,799            | 3,910                                               | 1,551               | 12.5                         | 3.93        | 2.35             | 1,865                                      |
| June .. ..              | 3,449            | 3,613                                               | 1,819               | 12.7                         | 3.49        | 1.96             | 1,773                                      |
| <b>1958-59 p—</b>       |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                                            |
| July .. ..              | 3,996            | 3,870                                               | 1,562               | 12.5                         | 3.31        | 2.07             | 2,152                                      |
| August .. ..            | 3,587            | 3,564                                               | 1,434               | 10.5                         | 3.01        | 1.97             | 2,267                                      |
| September ..            | 3,536            | 3,675                                               | 1,532               | 11.2                         | 3.40        | 2.16             | 2,432                                      |
| October .. ..           | 3,930            | 3,910                                               | 1,484               | 12.4                         | 3.51        | 2.52             | 2,486                                      |
| November ..             | 3,520            | 3,606                                               | 1,277               | 13.5                         | 3.41        | 2.45             | 2,136                                      |
| December ..             | 2,990            | 3,050                                               | 1,096               | 12.1                         | 2.88        | 2.12             | 1,807                                      |
| January .. ..           | 2,638            | 2,796                                               | 896                 | 10.0                         | 2.39        | 1.62             | 1,166                                      |
| February ..             | 3,589            | 3,321                                               | 1,305               | 13.4                         | 3.57        | 2.47             | 1,811                                      |
| March .. ..             | 3,590            | 3,420                                               | 1,342               | 13.9                         | 3.66        | 2.56             | 1,820                                      |
| April .. ..             | 4,234            | 3,968                                               | 1,512               | 14.5                         | 4.02        | 2.58             | 1,988                                      |
| May .. ..               | 3,686            | 3,433                                               | 1,357               | 15.3                         | 3.90        | 2.39             | 1,902                                      |
| June .. ..              | 3,801            | 3,641                                               | 1,588               | 16.1                         | 4.02        | 2.33             | 2,056                                      |
| <b>1959-60 p—</b>       |                  |                                                     |                     |                              |             |                  |                                            |
| July .. ..              | 4,143            | 3,726                                               | r1,417              | 16.2                         | 4.19        | 2.34             | 2,266                                      |
| August .. ..            | 3,676            | 3,571                                               | 1,315               | 13.4                         | 3.79        | 2.25             | 2,339                                      |
| September ..            | 4,104            | 3,628                                               | 1,561               | 14.7                         | 4.50        | 2.65             | 2,558                                      |
| October .. ..           | 3,619            | 3,347                                               | 1,389               | 14.3                         | 4.43        | 2.77             | 2,489                                      |
| November ..             | 3,757            | 3,470                                               | 1,486               | 15.2                         | 4.32        | 2.85             | r2,493                                     |
| December ..             | 3,160            | r2,885                                              | 1,215               | 13.5                         | 3.73        | 2.37             | 1,954                                      |
| January .. ..           | 2,927            | r3,005                                              | 990                 | 12.4                         | 2.96        | 1.84             | 1,212                                      |
| February ..             | 3,665            | 3,450                                               | r1,305              | 14.1                         | 4.20        | 2.68             | 1,911                                      |
| March .. ..             | 4,228            | 3,885                                               | 1,300               | 15.9                         | 4.77        | 3.08             | 2,160                                      |

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

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# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period.                 | Hosiery.            |                                                  |                     |                                                               | Underwear.(a)                      |                                      | Shirts,<br>Men's<br>and<br>Boys'. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Men's.<br>(b)       | Women's,<br>Fully Fash.,<br>and Circular.<br>(c) | Children's.         | Anklelets (All<br>Types) and<br>Infants' and<br>Babies' Wear. | Men's,<br>Youths,<br>and<br>Boys'. | Women's,<br>Maids'<br>and<br>Girls'. |                                   |
|                         | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.<br>pairs.                              | '000 doz.<br>pairs. | '000 doz.<br>pairs.                                           | '000 doz.                          | '000 doz.                            | '000 doz.                         |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |                                                  |                     |                                                               |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 83.1                | 157.1                                            | (d)49.1             | (e)                                                           | 191.8                              |                                      | (f)60.6                           |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 86.7                | 183.7                                            | (d)52.0             | (e)                                                           | 227.6                              |                                      | (f)69.9                           |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 91.9                | 178.0                                            | (d)51.0             | (e)                                                           | 229.2                              |                                      | (f)56.2                           |
| 1952-53 .. ..           | 131.2               | 156.4                                            | (g) {               | 73.6                                                          | 93.6                               | 173.7                                | 73.4                              |
| 1953-54 .. ..           | 157.9               | 179.1                                            |                     | 101.2                                                         | 120.8                              | 224.4                                | 103.3                             |
| 1954-55 .. ..           | 138.7               | 201.8                                            |                     | 93.9                                                          | 119.6                              | 235.4                                | 117.5                             |
| 1955-56 .. ..           | 130.0               | 192.0                                            |                     | 88.6                                                          | 130.3                              | 234.4                                | 109.1                             |
| 1956-57 .. ..           | 120.9               | 237.0                                            | 67.1                | (h) 9.2                                                       | 139.8                              | 244.3                                | 118.8                             |
| 1957-58 .. ..           | 122.7               | 209.8                                            | 60.3                | (h) 8.4                                                       | 151.5                              | 238.0                                | 127.5                             |
| 1958-59 p.. ..          | 109.0               | 223.7                                            | 61.9                | (h) 7.9                                                       | 154.7                              | 247.0                                | 134.2                             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |                                                  |                     |                                                               |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| 1957-58—                |                     |                                                  |                     |                                                               |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| March .. ..             | 120.5               | 204.7                                            | 63.3                | 7.7                                                           | 154.1                              | 244.2                                | 97.5                              |
| April .. ..             | 113.9               | 192.3                                            | 61.0                | 7.7                                                           | 154.0                              | 239.5                                | 100.9                             |
| May .. ..               | 131.6               | 229.2                                            | 66.9                | 8.3                                                           | 150.6                              | 239.0                                | 123.2                             |
| June .. ..              | 116.1               | 219.2                                            | 63.8                | 6.9                                                           | 142.7                              | 218.6                                | 128.3                             |
| 1958-59 p—              |                     |                                                  |                     |                                                               |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | 117.5               | 248.1                                            | 71.2                | 8.4                                                           | 179.2                              | 269.8                                | 167.3                             |
| August .. ..            | 110.0               | 237.6                                            | 70.6                | 8.8                                                           | 156.9                              | 245.0                                | 156.1                             |
| September ..            | 123.1               | 245.3                                            | 73.2                | 7.6                                                           | 171.4                              | 261.1                                | 176.4                             |
| October .. ..           | 124.2               | 268.2                                            | 70.0                | 7.3                                                           | 181.9                              | 293.2                                | 174.2                             |
| November ..             | 114.8               | 228.7                                            | 59.8                | 6.1                                                           | 162.1                              | 285.2                                | 153.1                             |
| December ..             | 89.0                | 185.0                                            | 57.7                | 6.4                                                           | 146.7                              | 241.8                                | 120.4                             |
| January .. ..           | 64.1                | 137.9                                            | 37.3                | 5.2                                                           | 92.1                               | 154.3                                | 59.7                              |
| February ..             | 103.6               | 210.1                                            | 59.5                | 10.2                                                          | 152.3                              | 262.5                                | 109.9                             |
| March .. ..             | 103.9               | 211.6                                            | 57.1                | 8.3                                                           | 154.7                              | 245.2                                | 110.6                             |
| April .. ..             | 119.5               | 232.5                                            | 59.4                | 8.9                                                           | 161.9                              | 235.3                                | 119.8                             |
| May .. ..               | 115.8               | 241.7                                            | 61.1                | 8.5                                                           | 146.5                              | 234.4                                | 129.2                             |
| June .. ..              | 122.6               | 237.3                                            | 66.4                | 9.5                                                           | 150.6                              | 236.6                                | 134.1                             |
| 1959-60 p—              |                     |                                                  |                     |                                                               |                                    |                                      |                                   |
| July .. ..              | 146.1               | 249.4                                            | 64.7                | 11.8                                                          | 180.8                              | 274.3                                | 186.0                             |
| August .. ..            | 130.1               | 245.9                                            | 63.3                | 11.6                                                          | 148.7                              | 249.9                                | 169.1                             |
| September ..            | 159.5               | 253.1                                            | 76.2                | 13.2                                                          | 180.4                              | 287.7                                | 192.2                             |
| October .. ..           | 162.6               | 253.4                                            | 73.1                | 11.9                                                          | 155.6                              | 280.0                                | 193.3                             |
| November ..             | 151.8               | 241.2                                            | 65.9                | 16.5                                                          | 168.2                              | 302.3                                | 179.7                             |
| December ..             | 113.2               | 193.3                                            | 56.5                | 10.3                                                          | 142.9                              | 267.1                                | 146.2                             |
| January .. ..           | 75.8                | 149.2                                            | 42.3                | 8.1                                                           | 93.2                               | 156.8                                | 76.7                              |
| February ..             | 113.1               | r227.1                                           | r68.1               | 10.1                                                          | 155.2                              | 260.0                                | 121.2                             |
| March .. ..             | 128.2               | 258.2                                            | 70.2                | 9.8                                                           | 178.4                              | 284.5                                | 141.0                             |

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.  
(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

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# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period.                 | Wheaten Flour.   | Refined Sugar. | Whole Milk for All Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). |         |                                     | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a) |            |            |            |             | Beer.      |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                         |                  |                |                              | Butter.                              | Cheese. | Processed Full Cream Milk Products. | Beef (including Veal).    | Mutton.    | Lamb.      | Pigmeat.   | Total Meat. |            |
|                         | '000 short tons. | '000 tons.     | Million gals.                | Tons.                                | Tons.   | '000 gals (b)                       | '000 tons.                | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons.  | '000 gals. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |            |             |            |
| 1936-37                 | 102.4            | 27.0           | 89.9                         | 13,908                               | 1,636   | n.a.                                | 45.9                      | 16.0       | 10.0       | 7.7        | 79.6        | 6,261      |
| 1937-38                 | 104.2            | 28.9           | 96.4                         | 15,242                               | 2,018   | n.a.                                | 49.7                      | 17.2       | 9.9        | 7.2        | 84.0        | 7,084      |
| 1938-39                 | 114.4            | 28.2           | 99.2                         | 16,232                               | 2,415   | 2,781                               | 46.6                      | 17.1       | 9.6        | 7.2        | 80.5        | 7,523      |
| 1952-53                 | 143.9            | 36.7           | 101.3                        | 13,632                               | 3,883   | 6,971                               | 56.2                      | 20.8       | 12.2       | 6.9        | 96.1        | 16,446     |
| 1953-54                 | 134.1            | 37.4           | 99.1                         | 13,010                               | 4,087   | 6,333                               | 58.7                      | 19.8       | 10.6       | 7.0        | 96.1        | 17,380     |
| 1954-55                 | 129.4            | 40.1           | 110.5                        | 15,667                               | 3,765   | 5,364                               | 60.0                      | 20.0       | 12.3       | 8.3        | 100.6       | 18,473     |
| 1955-56                 | 130.9            | 41.0           | 116.8                        | 17,149                               | 3,223   | 5,944                               | 62.6                      | 19.5       | 12.1       | 7.8        | 102.0       | 18,958     |
| 1956-57                 | 136.0            | 40.0           | 113.2                        | 15,820                               | 3,764   | 6,510                               | 67.9                      | 18.6       | 11.9       | 7.4        | 105.8       | 18,394     |
| 1957-58                 | 110.1            | p42.0          | 105.4                        | 14,410                               | 2,991   | 6,655                               | 65.9                      | 22.5       | 12.6       | 8.5        | 109.5       | 18,871     |
| 1958-59p                | 113.3            | 43.4           | 114.1                        | 15,901                               | 3,591   | 6,300                               | 75.5                      | 25.9       | 15.2       | 8.5        | 125.1       | 19,037     |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |            |             |            |
| 1957-58—                |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |            |             |            |
| Jan. ..                 | 105.4            | 33.0           | 120.5                        | 17,407                               | 3,033   | 7,991                               | 55.0                      | 26.7       | 12.2       | 8.1        | 102.0       | 21,172     |
| Feb. ..                 | 94.2             | 42.2           | 105.2                        | 14,940                               | 2,290   | 6,371                               | 51.4                      | 26.5       | 10.6       | 7.9        | 96.4        | 18,574     |
| Mar. ..                 | 93.9             | 47.7           | 104.3                        | 14,624                               | 2,074   | 5,742                               | 59.1                      | 23.1       | 10.5       | 9.3        | 102.0       | 20,065     |
| Apr. ..                 | 84.9             | p40.0          | 81.9                         | 10,519                               | 1,610   | 4,260                               | 63.9                      | 21.4       | 10.3       | 9.4        | 105.0       | 18,008     |
| May ..                  | 101.0            | p44.9          | 69.3                         | 7,859                                | 1,555   | 3,512                               | 81.6                      | 21.6       | 10.6       | 9.3        | 123.1       | 17,701     |
| June ..                 | 96.5             | p40.0          | 64.4                         | 6,876                                | 1,694   | 3,380                               | 86.1                      | 18.5       | 10.7       | 7.9        | 123.2       | 15,495     |
| 1958-59 p               |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |            |             |            |
| July ..                 | 108.8            | 41.6           | 71.8                         | 7,934                                | 2,223   | 3,672                               | 87.4                      | 22.2       | 13.0       | 8.6        | 131.2       | 16,446     |
| August                  | 115.1            | 44.7           | 91.6                         | 11,409                               | 3,244   | 5,304                               | 75.3                      | 20.6       | 11.8       | 8.1        | 115.8       | 16,699     |
| Sept. ..                | 112.0            | 45.8           | 124.5                        | 17,529                               | 4,474   | 7,692                               | 75.5                      | 22.2       | 14.0       | 8.6        | 120.3       | 18,992     |
| Oct. ..                 | 112.1            | 45.1           | 156.5                        | 23,277                               | 5,687   | 9,821                               | 79.6                      | 27.5       | 23.1       | 9.6        | 139.8       | 21,700     |
| Nov. ..                 | 116.9            | 47.3           | 154.4                        | 22,846                               | 5,520   | 9,979                               | 74.0                      | 26.6       | 25.9       | 8.8        | 135.3       | 22,187     |
| Dec. ..                 | 104.7            | 40.5           | 160.4                        | 24,507                               | 5,011   | 9,965                               | 70.9                      | 29.7       | 21.3       | 8.9        | 130.8       | 25,037     |
| Jan. ..                 | 112.4            | 42.6           | 148.2                        | 22,502                               | 4,504   | 8,042                               | 60.5                      | 28.5       | 13.3       | 7.6        | 109.9       | 19,762     |
| Feb. ..                 | 107.6            | 43.0           | 117.4                        | 17,040                               | 3,261   | 5,812                               | 67.0                      | 30.1       | 11.9       | 8.4        | 117.4       | 18,571     |
| Mar. ..                 | 107.4            | 42.5           | 111.3                        | 15,614                               | 2,915   | 5,521                               | 69.9                      | 27.7       | 11.7       | 8.9        | 118.2       | 19,171     |
| Apr. ..                 | 112.2            | 41.2           | 91.3                         | 11,965                               | 2,342   | 4,085                               | 77.4                      | 25.0       | 11.9       | 9.1        | 123.4       | 18,830     |
| May ..                  | 120.1            | 49.0           | 75.2                         | 8,835                                | 2,000   | 3,153                               | 83.6                      | 25.0       | 11.8       | 8.1        | 128.5       | 15,832     |
| June ..                 | 130.0            | 37.7           | 67.1                         | 7,351                                | 1,915   | 2,551                               | 85.3                      | 25.3       | 12.2       | 7.2        | 130.0       | 15,216     |
| 1959-60 p               |                  |                |                              |                                      |         |                                     |                           |            |            |            |             |            |
| July ..                 | 132.4            | 42.0           | 73.8                         | 8,281                                | 2,300   | 3,432                               | 92.6                      | 26.1       | 13.8       | 8.0        | 140.5       | 17,055     |
| Aug. ..                 | 129.9            | 45.5           | 97.6                         | 12,508                               | 3,373   | 5,684                               | 71.8                      | 22.9       | 12.8       | 7.5        | 115.0       | 17,187     |
| Sept. ..                | 125.6            | 40.9           | 131.4                        | 18,634                               | 4,752   | 8,546                               | 67.6                      | 28.0       | 17.8       | 8.2        | 121.6       | 20,753     |
| Oct. ..                 | 133.8            | 55.8           | 164.9                        | 24,689                               | 6,003   | 10,797                              | 62.4                      | 34.7       | 22.4       | 9.3        | 128.8       | 21,498     |
| Nov. ..                 | 136.6            | 47.7           | 176.9                        | 27,173                               | 5,916   | 11,716                              | 51.3                      | 34.7       | 21.9       | 8.3        | 116.2       | 22,044     |
| Dec. ..                 | 110.8            | 44.4           | 171.4                        | 26,660                               | 5,450   | 9,881                               | 49.0                      | 35.5       | 19.2       | 9.0        | 112.7       | 25,601     |
| Jan. ..                 | 111.3            | 42.2           | 150.7                        | 22,754                               | 4,721   | 8,648                               | 50.2                      | 34.0       | 15.6       | 7.7        | 107.5       | 21,367     |
| Feb. ..                 |                  | 43.7           | 124.4                        | 17,966                               | 3,682   | 6,637                               | 52.3                      | 31.9       | 14.9       | 8.4        | 107.5       |            |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Whole milk equivalent.

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# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period.                 | Tobacco,<br>Cigars and<br>Cigarettes. | Chemicals and Allied Products. |                      |                                          |                                   | Motor Bodies.(a)         |                              |            | Pneumatic<br>Tyres—<br>Motor<br>Cycle,<br>Car,<br>Truck,<br>Aero, etc. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                         |                                       | Sulphuric<br>Acid<br>(100 %).  | Super-<br>phosphate. | Paints.                                  |                                   | Sedans<br>and<br>Coupes. | Tourers<br>and<br>Roadsters. | Utilities. |                                                                        |
|                         |                                       |                                |                      | Ready-<br>Mixed<br>Paint and<br>Enamels. | Lacquers,<br>Nitro-<br>Cellulose. |                          |                              |            |                                                                        |
|                         |                                       | '000<br>tons.                  | '000<br>tons.        | '000<br>gals.                            | '000<br>gals.                     | No.                      | No.                          | No.        | '000.                                                                  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                       |                                |                      |                                          |                                   |                          |                              |            |                                                                        |
| 1936-37 .. .. .         | 1,805                                 | 36.4                           | 90.9                 | n.a.                                     | n.a.                              | 3,660                    | 478                          | 610        | n.a.                                                                   |
| 1937-38 .. .. .         | 1,904                                 | 41.3                           | 102.8                | 209                                      | 60                                | 4,032                    | 804                          | 518        | n.a.                                                                   |
| 1938-39 .. .. .         | 1,939                                 | 40.8                           | 100.0                | 224                                      | 48                                | 3,426                    | 816                          | 715        | n.a.                                                                   |
|                         |                                       |                                |                      |                                          |                                   |                          |                              |            |                                                                        |
| 1952-53 .. .. .         | 3,029                                 | 52.3                           | 131.7                | 534                                      | 84                                | 4,133                    |                              | 1,745      | 141                                                                    |
| 1953-54 .. .. .         | 3,487                                 | 61.0                           | 147.6                | 657                                      | 109                               | 5,514                    |                              | 2,088      | 241                                                                    |
| 1954-55 .. .. .         | 3,706                                 | 69.6                           | 163.4                | 812                                      | 123                               | 6,002                    |                              | 2,245      | 293                                                                    |
| 1955-56 .. .. .         | 3,842                                 | 74.7                           | 177.2                | 890                                      | 125                               | 6,912                    |                              | 2,030      | 303                                                                    |
| 1956-57 .. .. .         | 4,129                                 | 73.2                           | 164.6                | 906                                      | 121                               | 6,230                    |                              | 1,804      | 287                                                                    |
| 1957-58 .. .. .         | 4,255                                 | 82.6                           | 185.0                | 924                                      | 130                               | 8,129                    |                              | 2,370      | 317                                                                    |
| 1958-59 p.. .. .        | (b)4,306                              | 81.8                           | 177.0                | 950                                      | 133                               | (c)9,839                 |                              | 2,344      | 326                                                                    |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                       |                                |                      |                                          |                                   |                          |                              |            |                                                                        |
| 1957-58—                | (b)                                   |                                |                      |                                          |                                   |                          |                              |            |                                                                        |
| March .. .. .           | 4,248                                 | 87.4                           | 195.3                | 948                                      | 147                               | 8,790                    |                              | 2,639      | 330                                                                    |
| April .. .. .           | 4,126                                 | 90.4                           | 221.9                | 839                                      | 132                               | 7,994                    |                              | 2,322      | 306                                                                    |
| May .. .. .             | 4,328                                 | 96.6                           | 201.6                | 928                                      | 153                               | 8,885                    |                              | 2,768      | 358                                                                    |
| June .. .. .            | 3,982                                 | 83.1                           | 192.3                | 813                                      | 115                               | 8,463                    |                              | 2,567      | 314                                                                    |
|                         |                                       |                                |                      |                                          |                                   | (c)                      |                              |            |                                                                        |
| 1958-59 p—              |                                       |                                |                      |                                          |                                   |                          |                              |            |                                                                        |
| July .. .. .            | 4,219                                 | 79.6                           | 167.2                | 888                                      | 135                               | 11,212                   |                              | 2,769      | 379                                                                    |
| August .. .. .          | 4,175                                 | 94.7                           | 197.9                | 942                                      | 137                               | 9,951                    |                              | 2,371      | 342                                                                    |
| September .. .. .       | 4,397                                 | 81.1                           | 167.7                | 1,085                                    | 131                               | 10,484                   |                              | 2,268      | 355                                                                    |
| October .. .. .         | 4,441                                 | 75.6                           | 171.6                | 1,119                                    | 152                               | 10,719                   |                              | 2,413      | 367                                                                    |
| November .. .. .        | 4,332                                 | 80.5                           | 165.7                | 1,080                                    | 138                               | 9,723                    |                              | 2,134      | 318                                                                    |
| December .. .. .        | 5,039                                 | 66.6                           | 136.5                | 1,023                                    | 122                               | 8,613                    |                              | 1,856      | 294                                                                    |
| January .. .. .         | 3,961                                 | 79.3                           | 168.3                | 705                                      | 94                                | 7,095                    |                              | 1,403      | 203                                                                    |
| February .. .. .        | 4,212                                 | 77.9                           | 164.4                | 979                                      | 138                               | 10,231                   |                              | 2,165      | 322                                                                    |
| March .. .. .           | 3,903                                 | 92.6                           | 200.7                | 907                                      | 132                               | 9,170                    |                              | 2,304      | 285                                                                    |
| April .. .. .           | 4,632                                 | 89.4                           | 221.5                | 954                                      | 148                               | 10,682                   |                              | 2,930      | 361                                                                    |
| May .. .. .             | 4,206                                 | 89.3                           | 176.9                | 925                                      | 136                               | 10,036                   |                              | 3,042      | 351                                                                    |
| June .. .. .            | 4,151                                 | 75.0                           | 185.5                | 795                                      | 134                               | 10,148                   |                              | 2,467      | 339                                                                    |
| <b>1959-60 p—</b>       |                                       |                                |                      |                                          |                                   |                          |                              |            |                                                                        |
| July .. .. .            | 4,478                                 | 73.2                           | 157.4                | 1,008                                    | 156                               | 12,030                   |                              | 2,549      | 386                                                                    |
| August .. .. .          | 4,296                                 | 82.9                           | 175.3                | 947                                      | 144                               | 11,597                   |                              | 2,414      | 352                                                                    |
| September .. .. .       | 4,347                                 | 81.7                           | 188.2                | 1,052                                    | 155                               | 13,585                   |                              | 2,705      | 369                                                                    |
| October.. .. .          | 4,700                                 | 85.0                           | 183.1                | 1,062                                    | 167                               | 13,248                   |                              | 2,723      | 378                                                                    |
| November .. .. .        | 4,628                                 | 73.1                           | 140.7                | 1,087                                    | 163                               | 13,483                   |                              | 2,521      | 350                                                                    |
| December .. .. .        | 5,216                                 | 83.7                           | 187.7                | 1,006                                    | 134                               | 11,247                   |                              | 2,051      | 284                                                                    |
| January .. .. .         | 4,231                                 | 88.1                           | 178.4                | 718                                      | 109                               | 8,004                    |                              | 1,374      | 236                                                                    |
| February .. .. .        | 4,362                                 | r90.3                          | 197.4                | 1,011                                    | 160                               | r12,687                  |                              | r2,253     | 342                                                                    |
| March .. .. .           | 4,591                                 | 102.0                          | 249.7                | 1,140                                    | 184                               | 14,507                   |                              | 2,734      | 398                                                                    |

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels. (b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid. (c) From July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

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# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

| Period.      | Belgium.<br>(a) | Canada.<br>(a) | Denmark.<br>(a) | France.<br>(a) | Germany<br>West.<br>(a) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether-<br>lands. | Norway.<br>(a) | Sweden.<br>(a) | United<br>King-<br>dom.<br>(a) (b) | U.S.A.<br>(a) (c) |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1953 .. ..   | 100             | 100            | 100             | 100            | 100                     | 100    | 100    | 100               | 100            | 100            | 100                                | 100               |
| 1954 .. ..   | 106             | 100            | 109             | 110            | 112                     | 109    | 108    | 110               | 108            | 104            | 108                                | r94               |
| 1955 .. ..   | 116             | 110            | 112             | 120            | 128                     | 120    | 116    | 118               | 116            | 111            | 113                                | r106              |
| 1956 .. ..   | 123             | 120            | 115             | 133            | 138                     | 128    | 144    | 123               | 122            | 114            | 114                                | 109               |
| 1957 .. ..   | 123             | 120            | 121             | 144            | 147                     | 137    | 167    | 126               | 128            | 118            | r116                               | 110               |
| 1958 .. ..   | 115             | 118            | 125             | 150            | 151                     | 142    | 168    | 126               | 124            | 118            | 114                                | 102               |
| 1959 .. ..   | 119             | 127            | 135             | 159            | 162                     | 158    | 208    | r138              | 130            | 121            | 120                                | 115               |
| 1957—        |                 |                |                 |                |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    |                   |
| November ..  | 125             | 121            | 123             | 158            | 162                     | 138    | 164    | 128               | 136            | 125            | 123                                | 106               |
| December ..  | 121             | 111            | 116             | 162            | 151                     | 137    | 167    | 116               | 121            | 125            | 113                                | 103               |
| 1958—        |                 |                |                 |                |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    |                   |
| January ..   | 119             | 111            | 125             | 158            | 144                     | 142    | 154    | 122               | 122            | 122            | 114                                | 101               |
| February ..  | 121             | 116            | 129             | 162            | 145                     | 131    | 167    | 113               | 136            | 124            | 119                                | 98                |
| March ..     | 119             | 116            | 129             | 160            | 146                     | 143    | 179    | 124               | 135            | 125            | 122                                | 97                |
| April ..     | 117             | 115            | 128             | 164            | 153                     | 138    | 163    | 124               | 115            | 127            | 111                                | 96                |
| May ..       | 115             | 120            | 126             | 166            | 151                     | 146    | 163    | 128               | 117            | 125            | 114                                | 98                |
| June ..      | 113             | 123            | 129             | 161            | 153                     | 141    | 162    | 130               | 135            | 125            | 115                                | 101               |
| July ..      | 100             | 116            | 83              | 148            | 145                     | 152    | 165    | 126               | 84             | 59             | 105                                | 102               |
| August ..    | 107             | 117            | 126             | 100            | 142                     | 116    | 163    | 121               | 122            | 113            | 97                                 | 105               |
| September .. | 118             | 121            | 134             | 148            | 155                     | 152    | 168    | 131               | 133            | 121            | 115                                | 105               |
| October ..   | 119             | 121            | 135             | 154            | 161                     | 157    | 173    | 142               | 135            | 124            | 118                                | 109               |
| November ..  | 116             | 124            | 135             | 161            | 168                     | 146    | 172    | 128               | 138            | 128            | 122                                | 110               |
| December ..  | 116             | 116            | 126             | 157            | 155                     | 147    | 183    | 126               | 122            | 122            | 115                                | 108               |
| 1959—        |                 |                |                 |                |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    |                   |
| January ..   | 112             | 118            | 126             | 154            | 143                     | 146    | 171    | 125               | 123            | 120            | 115                                | 110               |
| February ..  | 112             | 124            | 132             | 159            | 149                     | 145    | 190    | 121               | 138            | 124            | r119                               | r114              |
| March ..     | 119             | 124            | 130             | 156            | 156                     | 154    | 204    | 132               | 120            | 128            | 117                                | r116              |
| April ..     | r121            | 126            | 135             | 163            | 160                     | 158    | 195    | 139               | 136            | 126            | 122                                | 118               |
| May ..       | 120             | 128            | 137             | 169            | 163                     | 154    | 201    | 136               | 122            | 123            | 119                                | 119               |
| June ..      | 122             | 133            | 139             | 167            | 163                     | 155    | 208    | 145               | 141            | 124            | 124                                | 121               |
| July ..      | 105             | 125            | 93              | 150            | 153                     | 162    | 209    | 140               | 91             | 64             | 110                                | 112               |
| August ..    | 110             | 125            | 139             | 107            | 153                     | r130   | 209    | 128               | 127            | 116            | 104                                | r113              |
| September .. | r124            | 133            | 148             | 158            | 169                     | r170   | 217    | 147               | 142            | 127            | 126                                | 115               |
| October ..   | 126             | r135           | 148             | 166            | 175                     | r178   | 221    | r154              | 143            | 133            | r132                               | r116              |
| November ..  | 131             | 132            | 150             | 179            | 186                     | r171   | 224    | r142              | 143            | 135            | 133                                | 114               |
| December ..  | 125             | 125            | 143             | 181            | r178                    | 171    | 240    | r144              | 130            | 136            | 125                                | r118              |
| 1960—        |                 |                |                 |                |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    |                   |
| January ..   | 122             | 127            | 140             | 178            | 164                     | 165    | 224    | 138               | 134            | 131            | 129                                | 122               |
| February ..  |                 |                |                 | 176            | 167                     |        |        | 142               | 146            |                | 132                                | 122               |
| March ..     |                 |                |                 |                |                         |        |        |                   |                |                |                                    | 121               |

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

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# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

| Period.          | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. |                              |               | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. |                              |               |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
|                  | Motor Cars.(a)                               | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. (a)                              | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. |
|                  | '000.                                        | '000.                        | '000.         | <b>Monthly Averages.</b>                     |                              |               |
| 1949-50(b) .. .. | 768                                          | 499                          | 134           | 9,584                                        | (c)4,829                     | 2,232         |
| 1950-51(b) .. .. | 882                                          | 548                          | 145           | 10,671                                       | 6,461                        | 2,263         |
| 1951-52(b) .. .. | 1,031                                        | 581                          | 154           | 10,480                                       | 6,085                        | 1,846         |
| 1952-53(b) .. .. | 1,108                                        | 579                          | 148           | 7,773                                        | 4,337                        | 941           |
| 1953-54 .. ..    | 1,200                                        | 607                          | 141           | 10,466                                       | 4,783                        | 905           |
| 1954-55 .. ..    | 1,347                                        | 650                          | 133           | 13,900                                       | 5,598                        | 941           |
| 1955-56 .. ..    | 1,472                                        | 679                          | 126           | 13,644                                       | 5,766                        | 878           |
| 1956-57 .. ..    | 1,565                                        | 707                          | 120           | 12,481                                       | 4,916                        | 805           |
| 1957-58 .. ..    | 1,676                                        | 735                          | 116           | 13,770                                       | 5,595                        | 884           |
| 1958-59 .. ..    | 1,783                                        | 766                          | 111           | 14,182                                       | 6,199                        | 833           |
|                  |                                              |                              |               | <b>Monthly Totals.</b>                       |                              |               |
| 1957-58—         |                                              |                              |               | (d)                                          | (d)                          | (d)           |
| February .. ..   | 1,637                                        | 725                          | 118           | 13,926                                       | 5,529                        | 989           |
| March .. ..      | 1,646                                        | 728                          | 118           | 13,678                                       | 6,140                        | 1,035         |
| April .. ..      | 1,664                                        | 733                          | 118           | 15,410                                       | 6,214                        | 861           |
| May .. ..        | 1,671                                        | 734                          | 117           | 15,237                                       | 6,003                        | 781           |
| June .. ..       | 1,676                                        | 735                          | 116           | 12,820                                       | 5,357                        | 655           |
| 1958-59—         |                                              |                              |               |                                              |                              |               |
| July .. ..       | 1,688                                        | 736                          | 116           | 13,906                                       | 6,106                        | 652           |
| August .. ..     | 1,694                                        | 738                          | 115           | 13,561                                       | 5,505                        | 770           |
| September .. ..  | 1,703                                        | 740                          | 115           | 14,741                                       | 5,929                        | 911           |
| October .. ..    | 1,720                                        | 744                          | 115           | 16,084                                       | 6,453                        | 888           |
| November .. ..   | 1,728                                        | 748                          | 115           | 14,817                                       | 6,154                        | 856           |
| December .. ..   | 1,739                                        | 752                          | 115           | 15,930                                       | 6,576                        | 1,007         |
| January .. ..    | 1,744                                        | 754                          | 114           | 12,431                                       | 5,082                        | 904           |
| February .. ..   | 1,751                                        | 755                          | 114           | 13,525                                       | 5,879                        | 841           |
| March .. ..      | 1,755                                        | 757                          | 113           | 13,228                                       | 6,126                        | 844           |
| April .. ..      | 1,772                                        | 762                          | 113           | 15,139                                       | 7,031                        | 896           |
| May .. ..        | 1,770                                        | 761                          | 111           | 13,133                                       | 6,760                        | 766           |
| June .. ..       | 1,783                                        | 766                          | 111           | 13,686                                       | 6,789                        | 657           |
| 1959-60—         |                                              |                              |               |                                              |                              |               |
| July .. ..       | 1,792                                        | 768                          | 110           | 15,721                                       | 7,470                        | 725           |
| August .. ..     | 1,804                                        | 771                          | 109           | 15,634                                       | 6,889                        | 706           |
| September .. ..  | 1,814                                        | 775                          | 108           | 17,261                                       | 7,252                        | 827           |
| October .. ..    | 1,826                                        | 779                          | 108           | 19,132                                       | 7,587                        | 815           |
| November .. ..   | 1,840                                        | 784                          | 107           | 18,743                                       | 7,472                        | 782           |
| December .. ..   | 1,858                                        | 790                          | 107           | 20,817                                       | 7,808                        | 913           |
| January .. ..    | 1,865                                        | 790                          | 107           | 13,394                                       | 4,787                        | 773           |
| February .. ..   | 1,877                                        | 793                          | 106           | 17,128                                       | 6,502                        | 992           |
| March .. ..      | 1,898                                        | 799                          | 106           | 19,820                                       | 7,713                        | 972           |

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

| Period.                  | Revenue<br>Train-Miles. | Goods and Livestock.(a) |                       | Passenger<br>Journeys. | Revenue. |        |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
|                          |                         | Tons Carried.           | Net Ton-<br>miles.(b) |                        | Gross.   | Net.   |
|                          | '000.                   | '000.                   | Million.              | '000.                  | £'000.   | £'000. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b>  |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| 1949-50 .. ..            | 7,785                   | 3,362                   | 516.9                 | 42,054                 | 7,683    | —205   |
| 1950-51 .. ..            | 7,390                   | 3,392                   | 523.1                 | 39,674                 | 8,804    | —594   |
| 1951-52 .. ..            | 7,780                   | 3,672                   | 562.9                 | 41,707                 | 11,626   | —721   |
| 1952-53 .. ..            | 7,394                   | 3,644                   | 547.8                 | 41,468                 | 12,903   | —560   |
| 1953-54 .. ..            | 7,789                   | 3,880                   | 579.4                 | 42,557                 | 14,155   | 140    |
| 1954-55 .. ..            | 7,911                   | 3,951                   | 608.0                 | 43,071                 | 14,498   | 124    |
| 1955-56 .. ..            | 8,020                   | 3,875                   | 606.1                 | 42,895                 | 14,765   | —659   |
| 1956-57 .. ..            | 7,924                   | 3,956                   | 614.1                 | 41,626                 | 15,737   | —376   |
| 1957-58 .. ..            | 7,552                   | 3,745                   | 565.5                 | 41,191                 | 14,928   | —493   |
| 1958-59 .. ..            | 7,635                   | 3,977                   | 607.5                 | 40,414                 | 15,430   | 146    |
| <b>Monthly Total—(c)</b> |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| <b>1957-58—</b>          |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| December .. ..           | 7,285                   | 3,231                   | 498.8                 | 40,081                 | 13,887   | —1,118 |
| January .. ..            | 7,262                   | 3,186                   | 494.3                 | 38,577                 | 13,676   | —808   |
| February .. ..           | 6,852                   | 3,456                   | 525.9                 | 40,325                 | 13,364   | —881   |
| March .. ..              | 7,589                   | 3,762                   | 591.2                 | 43,621                 | 15,026   | 113    |
| April .. ..              | 7,292                   | 3,541                   | 543.4                 | 39,705                 | 14,163   | —342   |
| May .. ..                | 7,837                   | 3,863                   | 594.0                 | 42,898                 | 15,227   | —1,009 |
| June .. ..               | 7,265                   | 3,627                   | 538.8                 | 41,802                 | 14,856   | 1,505  |
| <b>1958-59—</b>          |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| July .. ..               | 7,835                   | 4,187                   | 603.2                 | 41,206                 | 15,271   | 252    |
| August .. ..             | 7,689                   | 3,901                   | 579.0                 | 40,225                 | 15,233   | 81     |
| September .. ..          | 7,642                   | 4,045                   | 593.3                 | 43,480                 | 15,914   | 813    |
| October .. ..            | 7,976                   | 4,261                   | 620.2                 | 39,444                 | 16,422   | 833    |
| November .. ..           | 7,514                   | 3,842                   | 586.9                 | 39,206                 | 15,087   | —731   |
| December .. ..           | 7,675                   | 3,690                   | 565.5                 | 39,375                 | 15,436   | 81     |
| January .. ..            | 7,459                   | 3,559                   | 562.4                 | 37,923                 | 14,609   | 269    |
| February .. ..           | 7,005                   | 3,883                   | 612.3                 | 39,768                 | 14,699   | 494    |
| March .. ..              | 7,639                   | 3,965                   | 623.7                 | 42,565                 | 15,411   | 821    |
| April .. ..              | 7,734                   | 4,370                   | 691.2                 | 38,772                 | 16,354   | 1,426  |
| May .. ..                | 7,826                   | 4,033                   | 638.3                 | 41,631                 | 15,520   | —900   |
| June .. ..               | 7,629                   | 3,989                   | 614.5                 | 41,370                 | 15,204   | —1,689 |
| <b>1959-60—</b>          |                         |                         |                       |                        |          |        |
| July .. ..               | 8,037                   | r4,473                  | 660.7                 | 40,381                 | 16,317   | 976    |
| August .. ..             | 7,842                   | r4,309                  | 633.8                 | r42,681                | 16,259   | 868    |
| September .. ..          | 7,911                   | r4,535                  | 677.6                 | 40,610                 | 16,989   | 1,638  |
| October .. ..            | 8,064                   | r4,474                  | 667.1                 | 40,865                 | 16,633   | 973    |
| November .. ..           | 7,597                   | r4,168                  | r659.8                | 39,816                 | 16,083   | 120    |
| December .. ..           | 7,811                   | 3,863                   | 617.3                 | 35,424                 | 15,619   | —137   |
| January .. ..            | 7,363                   | 3,511                   | 570.3                 | 38,410                 | 14,578   | —471   |

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway.

(b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.

(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

| Period.                 | Oversea Cargo.                 |                                 | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales.               | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 452                            | 487                             | 257                            | 41        | 32          | 152              | 5                  | 32        | 519            |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 422                            | 641                             | 233                            | 37        | 30          | 198              | 5                  | 32        | 535            |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 450                            | 757                             | 232                            | 37        | 36          | 222              | 5                  | 28        | 560            |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 374                            | 810                             | 280                            | 37        | 45          | 238              | 11                 | 29        | 640            |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 504                            | 644                             | 285                            | 34        | 53          | 247              | 52                 | 33        | 704            |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 479                            | 711                             | 307                            | 39        | 36          | 287              | 54                 | 35        | 758            |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 507                            | 916                             | 302                            | 74        | 43          | 318              | 73                 | 41        | 851            |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 555                            | 1,036                           | 293                            | 99        | 47          | 350              | 137                | 43        | 969            |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 728                            | 1,050                           | 309                            | 97        | 60          | 378              | 116                | 32        | 992            |
| 1957-58.. ..            | 614                            | 1,143                           | 324                            | 114       | 56          | 364              | 148                | 45        | 1,051          |
| 1958-59.. ..            | 720                            | 1,186                           | 334                            | 93        | 51          | 358              | 144                | 50        | 1,030          |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1957-58—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| December ..             | 613                            | 1,008                           | 329                            | 88        | 52          | 364              | 185                | 49        | 1,067          |
| January ..              | 606                            | 1,247                           | 309                            | 109       | 42          | 358              | 186                | 49        | 1,053          |
| February ..             | 488                            | 1,139                           | 280                            | 111       | 48          | 334              | 139                | 34        | 946            |
| March ..                | 515                            | 1,280                           | 285                            | 134       | 51          | 380              | 189                | 43        | 1,082          |
| April ..                | 458                            | 1,178                           | 293                            | 107       | 40          | 353              | 141                | 58        | 992            |
| May ..                  | 646                            | 1,336                           | 347                            | 97        | 50          | 390              | 191                | 58        | 1,133          |
| June ..                 | 540                            | 1,116                           | 330                            | 139       | 24          | 381              | 156                | 54        | 1,084          |
| 1958-59—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 659                            | 1,263                           | 391                            | 109       | 66          | 376              | 128                | 86        | 1,156          |
| August ..               | 680                            | 1,108                           | 335                            | 91        | 73          | 381              | 121                | 58        | 1,059          |
| September ..            | 652                            | 1,046                           | 325                            | 134       | 63          | 294              | 127                | 51        | 994            |
| October ..              | 653                            | 1,301                           | 356                            | 63        | 70          | 359              | 114                | 52        | 1,014          |
| November ..             | 632                            | 1,123                           | 329                            | 76        | 74          | 386              | 148                | 38        | 1,051          |
| December ..             | 760                            | 1,347                           | 269                            | 103       | 39          | 353              | 146                | 49        | 959            |
| January ..              | 814                            | 1,256                           | 299                            | 78        | 22          | 335              | 173                | 49        | 956            |
| February ..             | 797                            | 967                             | 316                            | 89        | 49          | 367              | 148                | 47        | 1,016          |
| March ..                | 774                            | 1,085                           | 341                            | 101       | 35          | 315              | 145                | 50        | 987            |
| April ..                | 793                            | 1,325                           | 334                            | 95        | 50          | 362              | 146                | 47        | 1,034          |
| May ..                  | 724                            | 1,182                           | 346                            | 101       | 46          | 388              | 158                | 31        | 1,070          |
| June ..                 | 707                            | 1,226                           | 364                            | 71        | 24          | 378              | 170                | 41        | 1,048          |
| 1959-60—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 766                            | 1,299                           | 433                            | 132       | 52          | 332              | 110                | 45        | 1,104          |
| August ..               | 758                            | 1,225                           | 328                            | 105       | 59          | 358              | 165                | 47        | 1,062          |
| September ..            | 896                            | 1,217                           | 357                            | 122       | 49          | 365              | 161                | 42        | 1,096          |
| October ..              | 842                            | 1,347                           | 385                            | 120       | 75          | 359              | 160                | 56        | 1,155          |
| November ..             | 871                            | 1,343                           | 347                            | 99        | 61          | 391              | 190                | 39        | 1,131          |
| December ..             | 826                            | 1,175                           | 372                            | 144       | 49          | 368              | 161                | 39        | 1,133          |
| January p ..            | 807                            | 1,287                           | 254                            | 62        | 25          | 360              | 152                | 32        | 885            |
| February p ..           | 908                            | 1,095                           | 358                            | 118       | 47          | 354              | 180                | 40        | 1,097          |

(a) Figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.  
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

| Period.                 | Oversea Cargo.                 |                                 | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales.               | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 114                            | 214                             | 29                             | 20        | 10          | 15               | 6                  | 18        | 98             |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 116                            | 298                             | 25                             | 21        | 11          | 17               | 7                  | 20        | 101            |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 108                            | 333                             | 27                             | 20        | 10          | 20               | 6                  | 27        | 110            |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 103                            | 391                             | 32                             | 25        | 9           | 17               | 6                  | 21        | 110            |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 121                            | 161                             | 31                             | 22        | 8           | 17               | 9                  | 19        | 106            |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 113                            | 234                             | 36                             | 35        | 10          | 19               | 8                  | 20        | 128            |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 118                            | 284                             | 34                             | 35        | 10          | 16               | 8                  | 20        | 123            |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 129                            | 285                             | 24                             | 31        | 9           | 12               | 8                  | 27        | 111            |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 115                            | 229                             | 20                             | 32        | 7           | 8                | 7                  | 33        | 107            |
| 1957-58.. ..            | 124                            | 243                             | 21                             | 30        | 5           | 9                | 7                  | 24        | 96             |
| 1958-59.. ..            | 122                            | 222                             | 18                             | 32        | 4           | 6                | 5                  | 23        | 88             |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1957-58—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| December ..             | 111                            | 237                             | 56                             | 29        | 5           | 4                | 3                  | 13        | 110            |
| January ..              | 80                             | 261                             | 17                             | 26        | 4           | 19               | 6                  | 10        | 82             |
| February ..             | 71                             | 215                             | 16                             | 25        | 4           | 7                | 12                 | 29        | 93             |
| March ..                | 121                            | 254                             | 17                             | 34        | 8           | 6                | 10                 | 16        | 91             |
| April ..                | 182                            | 222                             | 14                             | 28        | 6           | 5                | 5                  | 19        | 77             |
| May ..                  | 210                            | 269                             | 15                             | 31        | 6           | 7                | 6                  | 21        | 86             |
| June ..                 | 131                            | 254                             | 19                             | 27        | 3           | 5                | 5                  | 29        | 88             |
| 1958-59—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 140                            | 196                             | 22                             | 30        | 5           | 5                | 3                  | 15        | 80             |
| August ..               | 102                            | 282                             | 19                             | 29        | 4           | 8                | 4                  | 18        | 82             |
| September ..            | 123                            | 221                             | 17                             | 18        | 5           | 5                | 9                  | 23        | 77             |
| October ..              | 111                            | 230                             | 19                             | 45        | 5           | 6                | 4                  | 22        | 101            |
| November ..             | 111                            | 218                             | 33                             | 41        | 4           | 6                | 3                  | 20        | 107            |
| December ..             | 103                            | 224                             | 14                             | 28        | 4           | 5                | 3                  | 19        | 73             |
| January ..              | 78                             | 249                             | 15                             | 28        | 3           | 5                | 5                  | 17        | 73             |
| February ..             | 85                             | 170                             | 15                             | 31        | 4           | 6                | 4                  | 17        | 77             |
| March ..                | 135                            | 226                             | 17                             | 36        | 4           | 4                | 5                  | 25        | 91             |
| April ..                | 203                            | 207                             | 15                             | 30        | 4           | 5                | 5                  | 30        | 89             |
| May ..                  | 164                            | 233                             | 17                             | 36        | 4           | 8                | 4                  | 39        | 108            |
| June ..                 | 114                            | 210                             | 13                             | 32        | 5           | 6                | 6                  | 28        | 90             |
| 1959-60—                |                                |                                 |                                |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 121                            | 229                             | 19                             | 46        | 4           | 8                | 6                  | 32        | 116            |
| August ..               | 107                            | 271                             | 14                             | 36        | 3           | 9                | 9                  | 25        | 97             |
| September ..            | 101                            | 219                             | 14                             | 33        | 5           | 7                | 5                  | 23        | 87             |
| October ..              | 142                            | 261                             | 21                             | 52        | 4           | 10               | 5                  | 35        | 128            |
| November ..             | 101                            | 270                             | 20                             | 51        | 5           | 7                | 5                  | 33        | 121            |
| December ..             | 108                            | 264                             | 19                             | 46        | 8           | 3                | 7                  | 27        | 110            |
| January p ..            | 91                             | 238                             | 11                             | 40        | 3           | 2                | 5                  | 50        | 111            |
| February p ..           | 85                             | 348                             | 16                             | 48        | 9           | 3                | 6                  | 65        | 147            |

(a) Figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period.           | Receipts of<br>P.M.C.'s<br>Department.<br>(a) | Broadcast Listeners'<br>Licences. |                               | Television Viewers'<br>Licences. |                               | Telephone Services<br>connected at End of Period. |              |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                   |                                               | New<br>Issues.                    | In force at<br>End of Period. | New<br>Issues.                   | In force at<br>End of Period. | Lines.                                            | Instruments. |
|                   | £'000.<br>Monthly<br>Average.                 | '000.<br>Monthly<br>Average.      | '000.                         | '000.<br>Monthly<br>Average.     | '000.                         | '000.                                             | '000.        |
| 1948-49 .. .. .   | 2,776                                         | 14                                | (b) 1,763                     | ..                               | ..                            | 734                                               | 1,028        |
| 1949-50 .. .. .   | 3,196                                         | 14                                | (b) 1,841                     | ..                               | ..                            | 793                                               | 1,110        |
| 1950-51 .. .. .   | 3,732                                         | 14                                | (b) 1,885                     | ..                               | ..                            | 864                                               | 1,209        |
| 1951-52 .. .. .   | 4,948                                         | 22                                | 1,961                         | ..                               | ..                            | 927                                               | 1,301        |
| 1952-53 .. .. .   | 5,367                                         | 17                                | 1,986                         | ..                               | ..                            | 985                                               | 1,384        |
| 1953-54 .. .. .   | 5,650                                         | 15                                | 2,042                         | ..                               | ..                            | 1,050                                             | 1,476        |
| 1954-55 .. .. .   | 6,069                                         | 13                                | 2,035                         | ..                               | ..                            | 1,127                                             | 1,587        |
| 1955-56 .. .. .   | 6,612                                         | 13                                | 2,089                         | ..                               | ..                            | 1,207                                             | 1,704        |
| 1956-57 .. .. .   | 7,519                                         | 14                                | 2,107                         | (c) 11                           | (c) 74                        | 1,279                                             | 1,814        |
| 1957-58 .. .. .   | 8,065                                         | 15                                | 2,138                         | 19                               | 291                           | 1,362                                             | 1,937        |
| 1958-59 .. .. .   | 8,622                                         | 21                                | 2,264                         | 25                               | 578                           | 1,443                                             | 2,056        |
| 1957-58—          | Monthly<br>Total.                             | Monthly<br>Total.                 |                               | Monthly<br>Total.                |                               |                                                   |              |
| February .. .. .  | 7,565                                         | 13                                | 2,145                         | 22                               | 200                           | 1,331                                             | 1,892        |
| March .. .. .     | 8,154                                         | 12                                | 2,135                         | 20                               | 220                           | 1,337                                             | 1,901        |
| April .. .. .     | 7,906                                         | 12                                | 2,135                         | 19                               | 239                           | 1,343                                             | 1,910        |
| May .. .. .       | 8,482                                         | 15                                | 2,138                         | 24                               | 262                           | 1,351                                             | 1,922        |
| June.. .. .       | 9,046                                         | 15                                | 2,138                         | 31                               | 291                           | 1,362                                             | 1,937        |
| 1958-59—          |                                               |                                   |                               |                                  |                               |                                                   |              |
| July .. .. .      | 8,449                                         | 22                                | 2,147                         | 36                               | 328                           | 1,369                                             | 1,948        |
| August .. .. .    | 7,661                                         | 16                                | 2,146                         | 31                               | 358                           | 1,376                                             | 1,958        |
| September .. .. . | 8,512                                         | 28                                | 2,172                         | 32                               | 390                           | 1,383                                             | 1,968        |
| October .. .. .   | 9,299                                         | 31                                | 2,201                         | 26                               | 415                           | 1,391                                             | 1,979        |
| November .. .. .  | 7,784                                         | 22                                | 2,195                         | 21                               | 433                           | 1,398                                             | 1,989        |
| December .. .. .  | 9,714                                         | 16                                | 2,210                         | 18                               | 455                           | 1,404                                             | 1,999        |
| January .. .. .   | 7,872                                         | 13                                | 2,210                         | 17                               | 468                           | 1,410                                             | 2,006        |
| February .. .. .  | 7,823                                         | 19                                | 2,211                         | 19                               | 484                           | 1,416                                             | 2,017        |
| March .. .. .     | 8,450                                         | 27                                | 2,235                         | 23                               | 506                           | 1,422                                             | 2,026        |
| April .. .. .     | 9,700                                         | 25                                | 2,266                         | 25                               | 530                           | 1,428                                             | 2,036        |
| May .. .. .       | 8,432                                         | 17                                | 2,257                         | 26                               | 555                           | 1,436                                             | 2,047        |
| June.. .. .       | 9,768                                         | 16                                | 2,264                         | 24                               | 578                           | 1,443                                             | 2,056        |
| 1959-60—          |                                               |                                   |                               |                                  |                               |                                                   |              |
| July .. .. .      | 9,517                                         | 16                                | 2,266                         | 28                               | 599                           | 1,453                                             | 2,071        |
| August .. .. .    | 8,100                                         | 13                                | 2,265                         | 30                               | 627                           | 1,461                                             | 2,084        |
| September .. .. . | 9,110                                         | 13                                | 2,258                         | 32                               | 654                           | 1,468                                             | 2,095        |
| October .. .. .   | 9,796                                         | 12                                | 2,248                         | 29                               | 682                           | 1,475                                             | 2,105        |
| November .. .. .  | 9,366                                         | 10                                | 2,242                         | 29                               | 711                           | 1,481                                             | 2,112        |
| December .. .. .  | 11,571                                        | 8                                 | 2,247                         | 25                               | 738                           | 1,487                                             | 2,122        |
| January .. .. .   | 9,309                                         | 9                                 | 2,249                         | 26                               | 761                           | 1,491                                             | 2,127        |
| February .. .. .  | 9,894                                         | 12                                | 2,260                         | 30                               | 791                           | 1,494                                             | 2,132        |
| March .. .. .     | 11,711                                        | 14                                | 2,269                         | 42                               | 833                           | 1,500                                             | 2,140        |

(a) Actual collections.  
on 31st December, 1951.

(b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished  
(c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

# RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA (a).

## CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT) AND RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT.

(£A million.)

| Period.                           | Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department). |                 |        |                                                         |                                  |                                                     |                                |                                                             | Rural Credits Department. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                   | Notes on Issue.                                             |                 |        | Statutory Reserve Deposit Account of Trading Banks. (b) | Other Deposits of Trading Banks. | Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves). | Gold and Balances held Abroad. | Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills). | Advances.                 |
|                                   | Held by Banks.                                              | Held by Public. | Total. |                                                         |                                  |                                                     |                                |                                                             |                           |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                                                             |                 |        |                                                         |                                  |                                                     |                                |                                                             |                           |
| 1953-54 .. ..                     | 38.5                                                        | 299.7           | 338.2  | 306.8                                                   | 41.7                             | 283.4                                               | 512.6                          | 408.0                                                       | 43.2                      |
| 1954-55 .. ..                     | 40.9                                                        | 316.1           | 357.0  | 306.3                                                   | 36.8                             | 243.5                                               | 415.9                          | 459.8                                                       | 62.3                      |
| 1955-56 .. ..                     | 43.0                                                        | 331.1           | 374.1  | 272.8                                                   | 35.6                             | 208.7                                               | 298.9                          | 515.7                                                       | 73.8                      |
| 1956-57 .. ..                     | 44.9                                                        | 338.3           | 383.2  | 289.4                                                   | 31.4                             | 205.9                                               | 349.7                          | 508.8                                                       | 56.6                      |
| 1957-58 .. ..                     | 45.7                                                        | 343.9           | 389.6  | 328.3                                                   | 25.6                             | 218.4                                               | 461.7                          | 478.6                                                       | 33.7                      |
| 1958-59 .. ..                     | 47.2                                                        | 348.8           | 396.0  | 259.9                                                   | 24.2                             | 232.9                                               | 411.5                          | 469.1                                                       | 46.7                      |
| 1957-58 .. ..                     |                                                             |                 |        |                                                         |                                  |                                                     |                                |                                                             |                           |
| March .. ..                       | 45.2                                                        | 342.5           | 387.7  | 325.3                                                   | 23.6                             | 226.0                                               | 459.3                          | 469.0                                                       | 48.0                      |
| April .. ..                       | 47.1                                                        | 347.5           | 394.6  | 313.2                                                   | 14.7                             | 229.1                                               | 437.7                          | 477.6                                                       | 46.3                      |
| May .. ..                         | 45.6                                                        | 342.2           | 387.8  | 294.0                                                   | 23.1                             | 228.6                                               | 448.4                          | 458.8                                                       | 38.2                      |
| June .. ..                        | 45.4                                                        | 342.6           | 388.0  | 282.7                                                   | 24.3                             | 231.0                                               | 436.5                          | 464.6                                                       | 37.9                      |
| 1958-59—                          |                                                             |                 |        |                                                         |                                  |                                                     |                                |                                                             |                           |
| July .. ..                        | 44.6                                                        | 343.5           | 388.1  | 271.2                                                   | 29.8                             | 230.0                                               | 426.0                          | 477.0                                                       | 30.2                      |
| August .. ..                      | 44.2                                                        | 346.5           | 390.7  | 265.1                                                   | 25.6                             | 227.2                                               | 410.6                          | 494.3                                                       | 22.3                      |
| September ..                      | 44.5                                                        | 348.0           | 392.5  | 265.1                                                   | 27.3                             | 221.3                                               | 401.9                          | 507.3                                                       | 14.9                      |
| October .. ..                     | 45.3                                                        | 348.8           | 394.1  | 265.1                                                   | 29.0                             | 223.4                                               | 392.2                          | 521.5                                                       | 12.6                      |
| November ..                       | 46.4                                                        | 349.3           | 395.7  | 265.1                                                   | 22.3                             | 229.5                                               | 396.6                          | 516.9                                                       | 11.9                      |
| December (c) ..                   | 54.6                                                        | 360.2           | 414.8  | 265.1                                                   | 22.3                             | 228.8                                               | 405.1                          | 525.6                                                       | 12.1                      |
| January .. ..                     | 52.1                                                        | 349.3           | 401.4  | 265.1                                                   | 28.5                             | 225.5                                               | 407.3                          | 497.6                                                       | 29.1                      |
| February .. ..                    | 47.2                                                        | 345.2           | 392.4  | 253.9                                                   | 25.8                             | 229.7                                               | 407.3                          | 432.8                                                       | 72.9                      |
| March .. ..                       | 45.8                                                        | 349.6           | 395.4  | 250.2                                                   | 21.6                             | 233.5                                               | 402.8                          | 410.7                                                       | 98.3                      |
| April .. ..                       | 49.1                                                        | 349.3           | 398.4  | 250.2                                                   | 22.1                             | 251.2                                               | 417.6                          | 415.5                                                       | 96.7                      |
| May .. ..                         | 46.5                                                        | 348.3           | 394.8  | 250.2                                                   | 16.2                             | 247.6                                               | 438.8                          | 404.9                                                       | 85.2                      |
| June .. ..                        | 46.8                                                        | 348.7           | 395.5  | 250.2                                                   | 17.8                             | 245.5                                               | 431.6                          | 422.8                                                       | 74.6                      |
| 1959-60—                          |                                                             |                 |        |                                                         |                                  |                                                     |                                |                                                             |                           |
| July .. ..                        | 46.4                                                        | 350.3           | 396.7  | 250.2                                                   | 21.8                             | 238.3                                               | 421.2                          | 439.6                                                       | 67.3                      |
| August .. ..                      | 46.5                                                        | 354.1           | 400.6  | 250.2                                                   | 22.8                             | 239.8                                               | 417.2                          | 461.9                                                       | 58.1                      |
| September ..                      | 46.4                                                        | 356.6           | 403.0  | 250.2                                                   | 28.7                             | 242.8                                               | 420.4                          | 480.3                                                       | 48.3                      |
| October .. ..                     | 47.7                                                        | 358.8           | 406.5  | 250.2                                                   | 21.9                             | 243.6                                               | 429.4                          | 478.4                                                       | 40.5                      |
| November ..                       | 48.3                                                        | 361.0           | 409.3  | 265.2                                                   | 22.1                             | 248.3                                               | 437.3                          | 499.1                                                       | 34.1                      |
| December (c) ..                   | 58.6                                                        | 372.0           | 430.6  | 285.1                                                   | 25.9                             | 250.6                                               | 448.6                          | 536.5                                                       | 27.6                      |
| January .. ..                     | 55.4                                                        | 362.4           | 417.8  | 286.5                                                   | 23.6                             | 242.7                                               | 461.8                          | 477.3                                                       | 52.0                      |
| February .. ..                    | 54.4                                                        | 360.5           | 414.9  | 300.2                                                   | 13.7                             | 243.4                                               | 454.8                          | 456.0                                                       | 78.5                      |
| March .. ..                       | 53.6                                                        | 362.0           | 415.6  | 308.6                                                   | 12.8                             | 253.6                                               | 452.0                          | 461.5                                                       | 94.7                      |

(a) Prior to the 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.  
Banks.

(b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of Trading

(c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA,  
and  
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)**  
(£ million.)

| Period.                           | Commonwealth Trading Bank. |                       |                       |        |                                                  |                                               |                   |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                               | Commonwealth Development Bank.(a) |        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
|                                   | Deposits.                  |                       |                       |        | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank. | Commonwealth and State Government Securities. |                   | Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market. | Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d) | Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted. | Advances.                         |        |
|                                   | Fixed. (b)                 | Current.              |                       | Total. |                                                  | Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.       | Other Securities. |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                               | Hire Purchase.                    | Other. |
|                                   |                            | Bearing Interest. (c) | Not Bearing Interest. |        |                                                  |                                               |                   |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                               |                                   |        |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                            |                       |                       |        |                                                  |                                               |                   |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                               |                                   |        |
| 1953-54 ..                        | 30.0                       | 5.3                   | 120.9                 | 156.2  | 11.0                                             | 23.4                                          | 29.9              | ..                                                          | 34.8                                                     | 69.2                                                                                                          | 16.6                              | 9.2    |
| 1954-55 ..                        | 37.9                       | 5.7                   | 130.9                 | 174.5  | 10.5                                             | 12.3                                          | 38.2              | ..                                                          | 36.1                                                     | 89.1                                                                                                          | 17.0                              | 11.5   |
| 1955-56 ..                        | 41.1                       | 5.2                   | 135.6                 | 181.9  | 10.2                                             | 6.3                                           | 38.6              | ..                                                          | 33.2                                                     | 103.9                                                                                                         | 16.6                              | 14.1   |
| 1956-57 ..                        | 40.6                       | 3.8                   | 140.1                 | 184.5  | 10.0                                             | 4.1                                           | 35.7              | ..                                                          | 34.6                                                     | 106.5                                                                                                         | 16.5                              | 14.5   |
| 1957-58 ..                        | 49.2                       | 5.7                   | 150.2                 | 205.1  | 10.8                                             | 5.5                                           | 46.5              | ..                                                          | 40.2                                                     | 107.8                                                                                                         | 16.0                              | 14.9   |
| 1958-59 ..                        | 60.3                       | 7.4                   | 159.1                 | 226.8  | 11.3                                             | 4.1                                           | 56.7              | ..                                                          | 36.5                                                     | 122.5                                                                                                         | 17.4                              | 15.1   |
| 1957-58—                          |                            |                       |                       |        |                                                  |                                               |                   |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                               |                                   |        |
| March ..                          | 51.2                       | 6.4                   | 151.3                 | 208.9  | 11.8                                             | 8.2                                           | 45.3              | ..                                                          | 40.5                                                     | 108.1                                                                                                         | 16.0                              | 14.7   |
| April ..                          | 51.8                       | 6.8                   | 152.4                 | 211.0  | 10.4                                             | 6.8                                           | 46.8              | ..                                                          | 39.7                                                     | 110.6                                                                                                         | 16.0                              | 14.5   |
| May ..                            | 52.4                       | 6.7                   | 151.7                 | 210.8  | 9.9                                              | 6.3                                           | 46.7              | ..                                                          | 38.4                                                     | 113.4                                                                                                         | 16.1                              | 14.7   |
| June ..                           | 55.5                       | 7.8                   | 152.0                 | 215.3  | 10.4                                             | 8.5                                           | 46.7              | ..                                                          | 37.9                                                     | 113.9                                                                                                         | 16.3                              | 14.8   |
| 1958-59—                          |                            |                       |                       |        |                                                  |                                               |                   |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                               |                                   |        |
| July ..                           | 57.3                       | 8.3                   | 150.9                 | 216.5  | 10.6                                             | 7.9                                           | 47.2              | ..                                                          | 37.4                                                     | 119.2                                                                                                         | 16.4                              | 14.9   |
| August ..                         | 58.1                       | 7.8                   | 151.7                 | 217.6  | 11.4                                             | 4.7                                           | 50.2              | ..                                                          | 37.1                                                     | 121.2                                                                                                         | 16.5                              | 15.0   |
| September ..                      | 60.7                       | 6.8                   | 154.1                 | 221.6  | 12.1                                             | 6.7                                           | 54.7              | ..                                                          | 37.1                                                     | 119.0                                                                                                         | 16.7                              | 15.0   |
| October ..                        | 60.9                       | 7.2                   | 159.1                 | 227.2  | 11.0                                             | 5.9                                           | 58.6              | ..                                                          | 37.1                                                     | 121.2                                                                                                         | 17.1                              | 14.9   |
| November..                        | 60.7                       | 7.2                   | 164.1                 | 232.0  | 11.8                                             | 7.1                                           | 60.3              | ..                                                          | 38.1                                                     | 122.3                                                                                                         | 17.7                              | 15.0   |
| December(e)                       | 59.3                       | 7.1                   | 166.3                 | 232.7  | 11.9                                             | 3.8                                           | 60.6              | ..                                                          | 38.2                                                     | 124.0                                                                                                         | 18.4                              | 14.9   |
| January ..                        | 59.5                       | 7.3                   | 154.4                 | 221.2  | 12.2                                             | 2.5                                           | 50.2              | ..                                                          | 38.4                                                     | 125.6                                                                                                         | 18.2                              | 14.9   |
| February ..                       | 60.3                       | 7.2                   | 158.0                 | 225.5  | 12.5                                             | 2.6                                           | 54.6              | ..                                                          | 36.3                                                     | 123.9                                                                                                         | 17.9                              | 14.9   |
| March ..                          | 60.9                       | 7.2                   | 162.0                 | 230.1  | 10.8                                             | 2.5                                           | 61.5              | 4.5                                                         | 34.1                                                     | 121.3                                                                                                         | 17.5                              | 15.0   |
| April ..                          | 60.5                       | 7.4                   | 163.6                 | 231.5  | 11.5                                             | 1.2                                           | 61.3              | 3.5                                                         | 34.3                                                     | 112.9                                                                                                         | 17.5                              | 15.1   |
| May ..                            | 60.4                       | 7.5                   | 165.4                 | 233.3  | 9.1                                              | 2.3                                           | 60.9              | 5.7                                                         | 34.7                                                     | 125.3                                                                                                         | 17.4                              | 15.7   |
| June ..                           | 65.1                       | 8.1                   | 160.2                 | 233.4  | 10.8                                             | 1.8                                           | 60.9              | 3.1                                                         | 35.2                                                     | 125.1                                                                                                         | 17.4                              | 15.6   |
| 1959-60—                          |                            |                       |                       |        |                                                  |                                               |                   |                                                             |                                                          |                                                                                                               |                                   |        |
| July ..                           | 64.9                       | 8.3                   | 161.7                 | 234.9  | 11.5                                             | 2.6                                           | 60.1              | 1.0                                                         | 36.1                                                     | 130.7                                                                                                         | 17.4                              | 15.7   |
| August ..                         | 64.3                       | 8.5                   | 165.4                 | 238.2  | 10.4                                             | 4.3                                           | 60.5              | 3.1                                                         | 36.1                                                     | 130.5                                                                                                         | 17.4                              | 16.0   |
| September ..                      | 65.4                       | 8.2                   | 169.2                 | 242.8  | 13.1                                             | 4.0                                           | 64.3              | 2.8                                                         | 36.6                                                     | 129.1                                                                                                         | 17.4                              | 16.1   |
| October ..                        | 66.0                       | 8.2                   | 170.8                 | 245.0  | 12.8                                             | 4.1                                           | 66.3              | 1.8                                                         | 36.9                                                     | 130.7                                                                                                         | 17.6                              | 16.3   |
| November..                        | 65.9                       | 8.6                   | 179.0                 | 253.5  | 11.3                                             | 4.9                                           | 66.4              | 2.5                                                         | 39.1                                                     | 131.6                                                                                                         | 18.1                              | 16.4   |
| December(e)                       | 58.4                       | 9.0                   | 189.1                 | 256.5  | 15.9                                             | 3.2                                           | 60.3              | 1.6                                                         | 41.7                                                     | 135.8                                                                                                         | 18.4                              | 16.5   |
| January ..                        | 57.5                       | 10.9                  | 182.4                 | 250.8  | 13.5                                             | 3.8                                           | 54.3              | 1.3                                                         | 42.3                                                     | 135.9                                                                                                         | 18.3                              | 16.1   |
| February ..                       | 57.3                       | 13.4                  | 190.4                 | 261.1  | 11.0                                             | 3.0                                           | 56.3              | 1.8                                                         | 43.5                                                     | 134.8                                                                                                         | 17.9                              | 16.2   |
| March ..                          | 57.8                       | 13.5                  | 195.0                 | 266.3  | 11.0                                             | 2.8                                           | 59.1              | 3.3                                                         | 45.3                                                     | 134.9                                                                                                         | 17.9                              | 15.8   |

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Prior to 14th January, 1960 Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

**PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)**  
**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
 (£ million.)

| Period.                       | Deposits.     |                             |                             |         | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes<br>and<br>Cash<br>with<br>Reserve<br>Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Governments<br>Securities. |                      | Loans<br>to<br>Authorized<br>Dealers<br>in the Short-<br>Term<br>Money<br>Market. | Statutory<br>Reserve<br>Deposit<br>Account<br>with<br>Reserve<br>Bank.<br>(d) | Loans<br>(Other than<br>Loans to<br>Authorized<br>Dealers<br>in the<br>Short-Term<br>Money<br>Market),<br>Advances<br>and Bills<br>Discounted. |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                               | Fixed.<br>(b) | Current.                    |                             | Total.  |                                                                       | Treasury<br>Bills and<br>Seasonal<br>Securities.     | Other<br>Securities. |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
|                               |               | Bearing<br>Interest.<br>(c) | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| Average of Weekly<br>Figures— |               |                             |                             |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| 1936-37 .. ..                 | 184.7         |                             | 112.9                       | 297.6   | 34.2                                                                  | 24.5                                                 | (e) 15.0             | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                            | 262.5                                                                                                                                          |
| 1937-38 .. ..                 | 194.8         |                             | 120.0                       | 314.8   | 37.1                                                                  | 20.7                                                 | (e) 21.4             | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                            | 274.4                                                                                                                                          |
| 1938-39 .. ..                 | 198.8         |                             | 118.9                       | 317.7   | 33.6                                                                  | 20.5                                                 | (e) 20.5             | ..                                                                                | ..                                                                            | 288.1                                                                                                                                          |
| 1953-54 .. ..                 | 207.8         | 32.0                        | 1,035.7                     | 1,275.5 | 71.2                                                                  | 99.4                                                 | 127.6                | ..                                                                                | 285.2                                                                         | 658.5                                                                                                                                          |
| 1954-55 .. ..                 | 211.7         | 51.3                        | 1,047.7                     | 1,310.7 | 66.9                                                                  | 51.6                                                 | 120.2                | ..                                                                                | 269.1                                                                         | 776.8                                                                                                                                          |
| 1955-56 .. ..                 | 210.8         | 52.3                        | 1,032.3                     | 1,295.4 | 66.9                                                                  | 50.0                                                 | 113.1                | ..                                                                                | 238.8                                                                         | 804.4                                                                                                                                          |
| 1956-57 .. ..                 | 234.5         | 65.0                        | 1,028.5                     | 1,328.0 | 63.7                                                                  | 51.2                                                 | 151.3                | ..                                                                                | 254.1                                                                         | 762.6                                                                                                                                          |
| 1957-58 .. ..                 | 261.5         | 83.9                        | 1,045.9                     | 1,391.3 | 59.8                                                                  | 39.0                                                 | 176.2                | ..                                                                                | 287.4                                                                         | 774.3                                                                                                                                          |
| 1958-59 .. ..                 | 274.6         | 93.9                        | 1,007.8                     | 1,376.3 | 58.3                                                                  | 38.3                                                 | 193.5                | ..                                                                                | 222.8                                                                         | 807.0                                                                                                                                          |
| 1957-58—                      |               |                             |                             |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| March .. ..                   | 268.1         | 88.3                        | 1,093.2                     | 1,449.6 | 56.9                                                                  | 86.1                                                 | 204.4                | ..                                                                                | 284.0                                                                         | 754.6                                                                                                                                          |
| April .. ..                   | 266.9         | 86.4                        | 1,061.1                     | 1,414.4 | 53.2                                                                  | 33.5                                                 | 196.3                | ..                                                                                | 272.9                                                                         | 792.2                                                                                                                                          |
| May .. ..                     | 267.7         | 82.5                        | 1,004.0                     | 1,354.2 | 58.0                                                                  | 15.1                                                 | 166.6                | ..                                                                                | 254.9                                                                         | 819.5                                                                                                                                          |
| June .. ..                    | 267.7         | 85.1                        | 999.2                       | 1,343.0 | 58.4                                                                  | 13.0                                                 | 151.7                | ..                                                                                | 244.2                                                                         | 831.7                                                                                                                                          |
| 1958-59—                      |               |                             |                             |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| July .. ..                    | 268.4         | 95.1                        | 967.7                       | 1,331.2 | 63.2                                                                  | 13.1                                                 | 144.1                | ..                                                                                | 233.2                                                                         | 844.9                                                                                                                                          |
| August .. ..                  | 268.7         | 97.5                        | 955.3                       | 1,321.5 | 55.4                                                                  | 23.4                                                 | 143.4                | ..                                                                                | 227.5                                                                         | 838.8                                                                                                                                          |
| September ..                  | 269.2         | 92.5                        | 962.3                       | 1,324.0 | 57.8                                                                  | 27.0                                                 | 146.1                | ..                                                                                | 227.5                                                                         | 829.8                                                                                                                                          |
| October .. ..                 | 271.2         | 94.7                        | 986.8                       | 1,352.7 | 60.5                                                                  | 30.7                                                 | 155.2                | ..                                                                                | 227.5                                                                         | 830.9                                                                                                                                          |
| November ..                   | 274.6         | 92.7                        | 1,004.9                     | 1,372.2 | 57.6                                                                  | 38.9                                                 | 173.4                | ..                                                                                | 226.5                                                                         | 824.6                                                                                                                                          |
| December (f) ..               | 276.2         | 91.7                        | 1,025.5                     | 1,393.4 | 64.8                                                                  | 40.9                                                 | 191.3                | ..                                                                                | 226.3                                                                         | 808.2                                                                                                                                          |
| January .. ..                 | 277.5         | 94.5                        | 1,030.0                     | 1,402.0 | 66.3                                                                  | 57.9                                                 | 212.9                | ..                                                                                | 226.2                                                                         | 794.8                                                                                                                                          |
| February .. ..                | 278.9         | 92.8                        | 1,048.2                     | 1,419.9 | 58.4                                                                  | 73.3                                                 | 238.0                | ..                                                                                | 217.0                                                                         | 775.3                                                                                                                                          |
| March .. ..                   | 279.3         | 92.3                        | 1,060.0                     | 1,431.6 | 54.8                                                                  | 80.7                                                 | 242.8                | 13.7                                                                              | 215.5                                                                         | 764.3                                                                                                                                          |
| April .. ..                   | 277.9         | 96.7                        | 1,041.7                     | 1,416.3 | 57.1                                                                  | 46.6                                                 | 239.0                | 21.0                                                                              | 215.3                                                                         | 782.2                                                                                                                                          |
| May .. ..                     | 277.2         | 92.3                        | 1,009.6                     | 1,379.1 | 49.3                                                                  | 17.5                                                 | 229.0                | 23.1                                                                              | 214.9                                                                         | 790.1                                                                                                                                          |
| June .. ..                    | 277.9         | 92.8                        | 1,008.3                     | 1,379.0 | 52.5                                                                  | 15.8                                                 | 218.1                | 21.2                                                                              | 214.4                                                                         | 791.1                                                                                                                                          |
| 1959-60—                      |               |                             |                             |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| July .. ..                    | 277.9         | 100.8                       | 997.2                       | 1,375.9 | 54.2                                                                  | 18.1                                                 | 211.6                | 21.9                                                                              | 213.4                                                                         | 805.4                                                                                                                                          |
| August .. ..                  | 279.8         | 105.5                       | 990.1                       | 1,375.4 | 53.8                                                                  | 24.6                                                 | 215.2                | 20.8                                                                              | 213.4                                                                         | 803.1                                                                                                                                          |
| September ..                  | 282.6         | 105.4                       | 1,016.2                     | 1,404.2 | 58.0                                                                  | 27.0                                                 | 228.5                | 23.0                                                                              | 213.0                                                                         | 800.6                                                                                                                                          |
| October .. ..                 | 286.3         | 105.5                       | 1,039.9                     | 1,431.7 | 54.8                                                                  | 30.0                                                 | 244.5                | 26.6                                                                              | 212.6                                                                         | 814.6                                                                                                                                          |
| November ..                   | 287.6         | 104.0                       | 1,065.6                     | 1,457.2 | 55.2                                                                  | 25.0                                                 | 249.8                | 24.5                                                                              | 225.5                                                                         | 817.2                                                                                                                                          |
| December (f) ..               | 282.6         | 103.9                       | 1,097.7                     | 1,484.2 | 67.7                                                                  | 19.5                                                 | 249.4                | 24.1                                                                              | 242.9                                                                         | 806.3                                                                                                                                          |
| January .. ..                 | 281.9         | 97.8                        | 1,105.0                     | 1,484.7 | 65.0                                                                  | 40.5                                                 | 262.6                | 27.4                                                                              | 243.6                                                                         | 798.4                                                                                                                                          |
| February .. ..                | 301.3         | 82.2                        | 1,121.5                     | 1,505.0 | 55.8                                                                  | 34.6                                                 | 279.5                | 25.0                                                                              | 256.1                                                                         | 795.4                                                                                                                                          |
| March .. ..                   | 302.3         | 85.8                        | 1,129.4                     | 1,517.5 | 55.3                                                                  | 35.4                                                 | 277.6                | 21.9                                                                              | 262.6                                                                         | 800.4                                                                                                                                          |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c) page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Includes Municipal Securities. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.     |    |        | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-------------|----|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|             |    |        | Cash in Australia.                                             | Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities. | Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. | Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted. |                                                    |
| Average     | of | Weekly |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| Figures—    |    |        |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| 1936-37     | .. | ..     | 11.5                                                           | 19.7                                           | (b) 24.8                                                                                            | ..                                                   | 88.2                                                                                                          | 37.9                                               |
| 1937-38     | .. | ..     | 11.8                                                           | 18.4                                           | (b) 25.2                                                                                            | ..                                                   | 87.1                                                                                                          | 38.1                                               |
| 1938-39     | .. | ..     | 10.6                                                           | 17.4                                           | (b) 23.8                                                                                            | ..                                                   | 90.7                                                                                                          | 37.4                                               |
| 1953-54     | .. | ..     | 5.6                                                            | 13.4                                           | 23.4                                                                                                | 22.4                                                 | 51.6                                                                                                          | 81.2                                               |
| 1954-55     | .. | ..     | 5.1                                                            | 9.0                                            | 18.2                                                                                                | 20.5                                                 | 59.3                                                                                                          | 79.9                                               |
| 1955-56     | .. | ..     | 5.2                                                            | 9.0                                            | 17.7                                                                                                | 18.4                                                 | 62.1                                                                                                          | 79.7                                               |
| 1956-57     | .. | ..     | 4.8                                                            | 8.6                                            | 20.0                                                                                                | 19.1                                                 | 57.4                                                                                                          | 77.5                                               |
| 1957-58     | .. | ..     | 4.3                                                            | 7.1                                            | 19.8                                                                                                | 20.7                                                 | 55.7                                                                                                          | 75.2                                               |
| 1958-59     | .. | ..     | 4.2                                                            | 7.0                                            | 21.1                                                                                                | 16.2                                                 | 58.6                                                                                                          | 73.2                                               |
| 1957-58—    |    |        |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| March       | .. | ..     | 3.9                                                            | 9.9                                            | 24.0                                                                                                | 19.6                                                 | 52.1                                                                                                          | 75.4                                               |
| April       | .. | ..     | 3.7                                                            | 6.1                                            | 20.0                                                                                                | 19.3                                                 | 56.0                                                                                                          | 75.0                                               |
| May         | .. | ..     | 4.3                                                            | 5.4                                            | 17.7                                                                                                | 18.8                                                 | 60.5                                                                                                          | 74.1                                               |
| June        | .. | ..     | 4.3                                                            | 5.3                                            | 16.6                                                                                                | 18.2                                                 | 61.9                                                                                                          | 73.7                                               |
| 1958-59—    |    |        |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| July ..     | .. | ..     | 4.8                                                            | 5.8                                            | 16.6                                                                                                | 17.5                                                 | 63.5                                                                                                          | 72.7                                               |
| August      | .. | ..     | 4.2                                                            | 6.0                                            | 16.8                                                                                                | 17.2                                                 | 63.5                                                                                                          | 72.3                                               |
| September   | .. | ..     | 4.4                                                            | 6.4                                            | 17.4                                                                                                | 17.2                                                 | 62.7                                                                                                          | 72.7                                               |
| October     | .. | ..     | 4.5                                                            | 6.8                                            | 18.2                                                                                                | 16.8                                                 | 61.4                                                                                                          | 73.0                                               |
| November    | .. | ..     | 4.2                                                            | 7.0                                            | 19.7                                                                                                | 16.5                                                 | 60.1                                                                                                          | 73.2                                               |
| December(c) | .. | ..     | 4.6                                                            | 7.6                                            | 21.3                                                                                                | 16.2                                                 | 58.0                                                                                                          | 73.6                                               |
| January     | .. | ..     | 4.7                                                            | 8.8                                            | 24.0                                                                                                | 16.1                                                 | 56.7                                                                                                          | 73.5                                               |
| February    | .. | ..     | 4.1                                                            | 9.2                                            | 26.0                                                                                                | 15.3                                                 | 54.6                                                                                                          | 73.8                                               |
| March       | .. | ..     | 3.8                                                            | 9.4                                            | 26.4                                                                                                | 15.1                                                 | 53.4                                                                                                          | 74.1                                               |
| April       | .. | ..     | 4.0                                                            | 7.3                                            | 24.2                                                                                                | 15.2                                                 | 55.2                                                                                                          | 73.6                                               |
| May         | .. | ..     | 3.6                                                            | 4.8                                            | 21.4                                                                                                | 15.6                                                 | 57.3                                                                                                          | 73.2                                               |
| June..      | .. | ..     | 3.8                                                            | 5.0                                            | 20.8                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 57.6                                                                                                          | 73.1                                               |
| 1959-60—    |    |        |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| July        | .. | ..     | 4.0                                                            | 5.3                                            | 20.7                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 58.5                                                                                                          | 72.5                                               |
| August      | .. | ..     | 3.9                                                            | 5.7                                            | 21.4                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 58.4                                                                                                          | 72.0                                               |
| September   | .. | ..     | 4.1                                                            | 6.0                                            | 22.3                                                                                                | 15.2                                                 | 57.0                                                                                                          | 72.4                                               |
| October     | .. | ..     | 3.8                                                            | 5.9                                            | 23.0                                                                                                | 14.9                                                 | 56.9                                                                                                          | 72.6                                               |
| November    | .. | ..     | 3.8                                                            | 5.5                                            | 22.6                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 56.1                                                                                                          | 73.1                                               |
| December(c) | .. | ..     | 4.6                                                            | 5.9                                            | 22.7                                                                                                | 16.4                                                 | 54.3                                                                                                          | 74.0                                               |
| January     | .. | ..     | 4.4                                                            | 7.1                                            | 24.8                                                                                                | 16.4                                                 | 53.8                                                                                                          | 74.4                                               |
| February    | .. | ..     | 3.7                                                            | 6.0                                            | 24.6                                                                                                | 17.0                                                 | 52.9                                                                                                          | 74.5                                               |
| March       | .. | ..     | 3.6                                                            | 6.0                                            | 24.3                                                                                                | 17.3                                                 | 52.8                                                                                                          | 74.4                                               |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.  
a return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Includes Municipal securities.

(c) Banks were exempted from furnishing

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# COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

| Period.                       | Deposits.     |                             |                             |         | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>and<br>Cash<br>with<br>Reserve<br>Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Governments<br>Securities. |                      | Loans<br>to<br>Authorized<br>Dealers in<br>the Short-<br>Term<br>Money<br>Market. | Statutory<br>Reserve<br>Deposit<br>Account<br>with<br>Reserve<br>Bank.<br>(d) | Loans<br>(Other than<br>Loans to<br>Authorized<br>Dealers<br>in the<br>Short-Term<br>Money<br>Market),<br>Advances<br>and Bills<br>Discounted. |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                               | Fixed.<br>(b) | Current.                    |                             | Total.  |                                                              | Treasury<br>Bills and<br>Seasonal<br>Securities.     | Other<br>Securities. |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
|                               |               | Bearing<br>Interest.<br>(c) | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. |         |                                                              |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| Average of Weekly<br>Figures— |               |                             |                             |         |                                                              |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| 1953-54 .. ..                 | 237.8         | 37.3                        | 1,156.6                     | 1,431.7 | 82.2                                                         | 122.8                                                | 157.5                | ..                                                                                | 320.0                                                                         | 727.7                                                                                                                                          |
| 1954-55 .. ..                 | 249.5         | 57.0                        | 1,178.6                     | 1,485.1 | 77.4                                                         | 63.9                                                 | 158.4                | ..                                                                                | 305.2                                                                         | 865.9                                                                                                                                          |
| 1955-56 .. ..                 | 251.9         | 57.5                        | 1,167.9                     | 1,477.3 | 77.1                                                         | 56.3                                                 | 151.7                | ..                                                                                | 272.0                                                                         | 908.3                                                                                                                                          |
| 1956-57 .. ..                 | 275.1         | 68.8                        | 1,168.7                     | 1,512.6 | 73.6                                                         | 55.2                                                 | 187.0                | ..                                                                                | 288.7                                                                         | 869.1                                                                                                                                          |
| 1957-58 .. ..                 | 310.7         | 89.6                        | 1,196.1                     | 1,596.4 | 70.6                                                         | 44.5                                                 | 222.7                | ..                                                                                | 327.6                                                                         | 882.1                                                                                                                                          |
| 1958-59 .. ..                 | 334.9         | 101.3                       | 1,166.9                     | 1,603.1 | 69.5                                                         | 42.4                                                 | 250.2                | ..                                                                                | 259.3                                                                         | 929.5                                                                                                                                          |
| 1957-58—                      |               |                             |                             |         |                                                              |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| March .. ..                   | 319.3         | 94.6                        | 1,244.6                     | 1,658.5 | 68.7                                                         | 94.4                                                 | 249.7                | ..                                                                                | 324.6                                                                         | 862.7                                                                                                                                          |
| April .. ..                   | 318.7         | 93.2                        | 1,213.5                     | 1,625.4 | 63.6                                                         | 40.3                                                 | 243.1                | ..                                                                                | 312.6                                                                         | 902.8                                                                                                                                          |
| May .. ..                     | 320.0         | 89.3                        | 1,155.7                     | 1,565.0 | 67.9                                                         | 21.4                                                 | 213.3                | ..                                                                                | 293.3                                                                         | 932.9                                                                                                                                          |
| June .. ..                    | 323.2         | 92.9                        | 1,142.2                     | 1,558.3 | 68.8                                                         | 21.5                                                 | 198.4                | ..                                                                                | 282.1                                                                         | 945.6                                                                                                                                          |
| 1958-59—                      |               |                             |                             |         |                                                              |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| July .. ..                    | 325.7         | 103.4                       | 1,118.6                     | 1,547.7 | 73.8                                                         | 21.0                                                 | 191.3                | ..                                                                                | 270.6                                                                         | 964.1                                                                                                                                          |
| August .. ..                  | 326.8         | 105.3                       | 1,107.0                     | 1,539.1 | 66.8                                                         | 28.1                                                 | 193.6                | ..                                                                                | 264.6                                                                         | 960.0                                                                                                                                          |
| September ..                  | 329.9         | 99.3                        | 1,116.4                     | 1,545.6 | 69.9                                                         | 33.7                                                 | 200.8                | ..                                                                                | 264.6                                                                         | 948.8                                                                                                                                          |
| October .. ..                 | 332.1         | 101.9                       | 1,145.9                     | 1,579.9 | 71.5                                                         | 36.6                                                 | 213.8                | ..                                                                                | 264.6                                                                         | 952.1                                                                                                                                          |
| November ..                   | 335.2         | 100.0                       | 1,169.0                     | 1,604.2 | 69.4                                                         | 46.0                                                 | 233.7                | ..                                                                                | 264.6                                                                         | 946.9                                                                                                                                          |
| December (e) ..               | 335.5         | 98.7                        | 1,191.8                     | 1,626.0 | 76.6                                                         | 44.7                                                 | 251.9                | ..                                                                                | 264.6                                                                         | 932.2                                                                                                                                          |
| January .. ..                 | 337.0         | 101.8                       | 1,184.4                     | 1,623.2 | 78.6                                                         | 60.4                                                 | 263.1                | ..                                                                                | 264.6                                                                         | 920.4                                                                                                                                          |
| February .. ..                | 339.2         | 100.0                       | 1,206.1                     | 1,645.3 | 70.9                                                         | 75.9                                                 | 292.6                | ..                                                                                | 253.3                                                                         | 899.2                                                                                                                                          |
| March .. ..                   | 340.3         | 99.4                        | 1,222.0                     | 1,661.7 | 65.6                                                         | 83.2                                                 | 304.3                | 18.2                                                                              | 249.6                                                                         | 885.6                                                                                                                                          |
| April .. ..                   | 338.4         | 104.1                       | 1,205.3                     | 1,647.8 | 68.6                                                         | 47.8                                                 | 300.3                | 24.5                                                                              | 249.6                                                                         | 905.1                                                                                                                                          |
| May .. ..                     | 337.5         | 99.9                        | 1,175.0                     | 1,612.4 | 58.4                                                         | 19.8                                                 | 289.9                | 28.8                                                                              | 249.6                                                                         | 915.4                                                                                                                                          |
| June .. ..                    | 343.0         | 100.9                       | 1,168.5                     | 1,612.4 | 63.3                                                         | 17.5                                                 | 279.0                | 24.3                                                                              | 249.5                                                                         | 916.3                                                                                                                                          |
| 1959-60—                      |               |                             |                             |         |                                                              |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| July .. ..                    | 342.8         | 109.1                       | 1,158.9                     | 1,610.8 | 65.8                                                         | 20.7                                                 | 271.7                | 22.9                                                                              | 249.5                                                                         | 936.1                                                                                                                                          |
| August .. ..                  | 344.0         | 114.1                       | 1,155.5                     | 1,613.6 | 64.2                                                         | 28.9                                                 | 275.7                | 23.9                                                                              | 249.5                                                                         | 933.6                                                                                                                                          |
| September ..                  | 348.0         | 113.5                       | 1,185.4                     | 1,646.9 | 71.1                                                         | 31.0                                                 | 292.8                | 25.8                                                                              | 249.5                                                                         | 929.6                                                                                                                                          |
| October .. ..                 | 352.3         | 113.8                       | 1,210.6                     | 1,676.7 | 67.5                                                         | 34.1                                                 | 310.9                | 28.4                                                                              | 249.5                                                                         | 945.2                                                                                                                                          |
| November ..                   | 353.6         | 112.5                       | 1,244.6                     | 1,710.7 | 66.5                                                         | 29.9                                                 | 316.2                | 27.0                                                                              | 264.6                                                                         | 948.7                                                                                                                                          |
| December (e) ..               | 341.0         | 112.9                       | 1,286.9                     | 1,740.8 | 83.6                                                         | 22.7                                                 | 309.7                | 25.7                                                                              | 284.6                                                                         | 942.1                                                                                                                                          |
| January .. ..                 | 339.4         | 108.7                       | 1,287.4                     | 1,735.5 | 78.5                                                         | 44.3                                                 | 316.8                | 28.7                                                                              | 285.9                                                                         | 934.3                                                                                                                                          |
| February .. ..                | 358.6         | 95.6                        | 1,311.9                     | 1,766.1 | 66.8                                                         | 37.6                                                 | 335.8                | 26.8                                                                              | 299.6                                                                         | 930.2                                                                                                                                          |
| March .. ..                   | 360.1         | 99.3                        | 1,324.4                     | 1,783.8 | 65.7                                                         | 38.2                                                 | 336.7                | 25.2                                                                              | 307.8                                                                         | 934.6                                                                                                                                          |

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) See footnote (b), page 49.

(c) See footnote (c), page 49.

(d) See footnote (d), page 49.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.                           | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                   | Cash in Australia.                                             | Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities. | Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. | Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted. |                                                    |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| 1953-54 .. ..                     | 5.7                                                            | 14.3                                           | 25.3                                                                                                | 22.3                                                 | 50.8                                                                                                          | 80.8                                               |
| 1954-55 .. ..                     | 5.2                                                            | 9.5                                            | 20.2                                                                                                | 20.5                                                 | 58.3                                                                                                          | 79.4                                               |
| 1955-56 .. ..                     | 5.2                                                            | 9.0                                            | 19.3                                                                                                | 18.4                                                 | 61.5                                                                                                          | 79.1                                               |
| 1956-57 .. ..                     | 4.9                                                            | 8.5                                            | 20.9                                                                                                | 19.1                                                 | 57.5                                                                                                          | 77.3                                               |
| 1957-58 .. ..                     | 4.4                                                            | 7.2                                            | 21.2                                                                                                | 20.5                                                 | 55.3                                                                                                          | 74.9                                               |
| 1958-59 .. ..                     | 4.3                                                            | 7.0                                            | 22.6                                                                                                | 16.2                                                 | 58.0                                                                                                          | 72.8                                               |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                   |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| March .. ..                       | 4.1                                                            | 9.8                                            | 24.9                                                                                                | 19.6                                                 | 52.0                                                                                                          | 75.0                                               |
| April .. ..                       | 3.9                                                            | 6.4                                            | 21.4                                                                                                | 19.2                                                 | 55.5                                                                                                          | 74.7                                               |
| May .. ..                         | 4.3                                                            | 5.7                                            | 19.3                                                                                                | 18.7                                                 | 59.6                                                                                                          | 73.8                                               |
| June .. ..                        | 4.4                                                            | 5.8                                            | 18.5                                                                                                | 18.1                                                 | 60.7                                                                                                          | 73.3                                               |
| <b>1958-59—</b>                   |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| July .. ..                        | 4.8                                                            | 6.1                                            | 18.5                                                                                                | 17.5                                                 | 62.3                                                                                                          | 72.3                                               |
| August .. ..                      | 4.3                                                            | 6.1                                            | 18.7                                                                                                | 17.2                                                 | 62.4                                                                                                          | 71.9                                               |
| September .. ..                   | 4.5                                                            | 6.7                                            | 19.7                                                                                                | 17.1                                                 | 61.4                                                                                                          | 72.2                                               |
| October .. ..                     | 4.5                                                            | 6.8                                            | 20.4                                                                                                | 16.7                                                 | 60.3                                                                                                          | 72.5                                               |
| November .. ..                    | 4.3                                                            | 7.2                                            | 21.8                                                                                                | 16.5                                                 | 59.0                                                                                                          | 72.9                                               |
| December(b) .. ..                 | 4.7                                                            | 7.5                                            | 23.0                                                                                                | 16.3                                                 | 57.3                                                                                                          | 73.3                                               |
| January .. ..                     | 4.9                                                            | 8.6                                            | 24.8                                                                                                | 16.3                                                 | 56.7                                                                                                          | 73.0                                               |
| February .. ..                    | 4.3                                                            | 8.9                                            | 26.7                                                                                                | 15.4                                                 | 54.7                                                                                                          | 73.3                                               |
| March .. ..                       | 4.0                                                            | 9.0                                            | 27.3                                                                                                | 15.0                                                 | 53.3                                                                                                          | 73.5                                               |
| April .. ..                       | 4.2                                                            | 7.1                                            | 25.3                                                                                                | 15.1                                                 | 54.9                                                                                                          | 73.1                                               |
| May .. ..                         | 3.6                                                            | 4.8                                            | 22.8                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 56.8                                                                                                          | 72.9                                               |
| June .. ..                        | 3.9                                                            | 5.0                                            | 22.3                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 56.8                                                                                                          | 72.5                                               |
| <b>1959-60—</b>                   |                                                                |                                                |                                                                                                     |                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                    |
| July .. ..                        | 4.1                                                            | 5.4                                            | 22.3                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 58.1                                                                                                          | 72.0                                               |
| August .. ..                      | 4.0                                                            | 5.8                                            | 22.9                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 57.9                                                                                                          | 71.6                                               |
| September .. ..                   | 4.3                                                            | 6.2                                            | 24.0                                                                                                | 15.2                                                 | 56.5                                                                                                          | 72.0                                               |
| October .. ..                     | 4.0                                                            | 6.0                                            | 24.6                                                                                                | 14.9                                                 | 56.4                                                                                                          | 72.2                                               |
| November .. ..                    | 3.9                                                            | 5.6                                            | 24.1                                                                                                | 15.5                                                 | 55.5                                                                                                          | 72.8                                               |
| December(b) .. ..                 | 4.8                                                            | 6.1                                            | 23.9                                                                                                | 16.3                                                 | 54.1                                                                                                          | 73.9                                               |
| January .. ..                     | 4.5                                                            | 7.0                                            | 25.3                                                                                                | 16.5                                                 | 53.8                                                                                                          | 74.2                                               |
| February .. ..                    | 3.8                                                            | 5.9                                            | 24.9                                                                                                | 17.0                                                 | 52.7                                                                                                          | 74.3                                               |
| March .. ..                       | 3.7                                                            | 5.8                                            | 24.7                                                                                                | 17.3                                                 | 52.4                                                                                                          | 74.2                                               |

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

| Period.                               | Deposits.     |                             |                             |         | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes<br>and<br>Cash<br>with<br>Reserve<br>Bank. | Commonwealth and<br>State Governments<br>Securities. |                      | Loans<br>to<br>Authorized<br>Dealers in<br>the Short-<br>Term<br>Money<br>Market. | Statutory<br>Reserve<br>Deposit<br>Account<br>with<br>Reserve<br>Bank.<br>(d) | Loans<br>(Other than<br>Loans to<br>Authorized<br>Dealers<br>in the<br>Short-Term<br>Money<br>Market),<br>Advances<br>and Bills<br>Discounted. |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       | Fixed.<br>(b) | Current.                    |                             | Total.  |                                                                       | Treasury<br>Bills and<br>Seasonal<br>Securities.     | Other<br>Securities. |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
|                                       |               | Bearing<br>Interest.<br>(c) | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Average of Weekly<br/>Figures—</b> |               |                             |                             |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| 1953-54 .. ..                         | 241.8         | 48.6                        | 1,196.0                     | 1,486.4 | 87.3                                                                  | 130.1                                                | 170.8                | ..                                                                                | 321.1                                                                         | 793.7                                                                                                                                          |
| 1954-55 .. ..                         | 254.3         | 68.3                        | 1,220.0                     | 1,542.6 | 82.0                                                                  | 69.5                                                 | 171.7                | ..                                                                                | 306.3                                                                         | 938.1                                                                                                                                          |
| 1955-56 .. ..                         | 257.1         | 68.6                        | 1,207.7                     | 1,533.4 | 81.1                                                                  | 60.5                                                 | 165.5                | ..                                                                                | 272.8                                                                         | 984.1                                                                                                                                          |
| 1956-57 .. ..                         | 281.4         | 79.5                        | 1,209.9                     | 1,570.8 | 77.5                                                                  | 59.1                                                 | 202.1                | ..                                                                                | 289.4                                                                         | 946.8                                                                                                                                          |
| 1957-58 .. ..                         | 318.6         | 102.0                       | 1,238.1                     | 1,658.7 | 74.4                                                                  | 48.7                                                 | 237.2                | ..                                                                                | 328.3                                                                         | 963.3                                                                                                                                          |
| 1958-59 .. ..                         | 345.1         | 115.8                       | 1,207.0                     | 1,667.9 | 73.2                                                                  | 43.3                                                 | 264.6                | ..                                                                                | 259.9                                                                         | 1,015.3                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>1957-58—</b>                       |               |                             |                             |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| March .. ..                           | 327.5         | 106.8                       | 1,289.3                     | 1,723.6 | 72.3                                                                  | 99.1                                                 | 264.7                | ..                                                                                | 325.3                                                                         | 945.4                                                                                                                                          |
| April .. ..                           | 326.8         | 106.1                       | 1,256.4                     | 1,689.3 | 67.1                                                                  | 43.0                                                 | 258.1                | ..                                                                                | 313.3                                                                         | 986.0                                                                                                                                          |
| May .. ..                             | 328.5         | 103.3                       | 1,195.7                     | 1,627.5 | 70.9                                                                  | 22.6                                                 | 228.0                | ..                                                                                | 294.0                                                                         | 1,017.1                                                                                                                                        |
| June .. ..                            | 331.8         | 107.3                       | 1,181.0                     | 1,620.1 | 71.9                                                                  | 22.0                                                 | 212.6                | ..                                                                                | 282.7                                                                         | 1,030.1                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>1958-59—</b>                       |               |                             |                             |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| July .. ..                            | 335.5         | 118.6                       | 1,155.4                     | 1,609.5 | 77.4                                                                  | 21.5                                                 | 205.0                | ..                                                                                | 271.2                                                                         | 1,048.8                                                                                                                                        |
| August .. ..                          | 336.6         | 120.4                       | 1,143.0                     | 1,600.0 | 70.3                                                                  | 28.6                                                 | 207.1                | ..                                                                                | 265.2                                                                         | 1,044.2                                                                                                                                        |
| September ..                          | 339.6         | 114.1                       | 1,152.4                     | 1,606.1 | 73.1                                                                  | 34.2                                                 | 214.2                | ..                                                                                | 265.2                                                                         | 1,033.7                                                                                                                                        |
| October .. ..                         | 342.3         | 116.6                       | 1,182.3                     | 1,641.2 | 75.3                                                                  | 37.1                                                 | 227.2                | ..                                                                                | 265.2                                                                         | 1,037.0                                                                                                                                        |
| November ..                           | 345.9         | 114.3                       | 1,206.5                     | 1,666.7 | 73.3                                                                  | 46.5                                                 | 247.2                | ..                                                                                | 265.2                                                                         | 1,032.9                                                                                                                                        |
| December (e) ..                       | 346.2         | 112.7                       | 1,229.8                     | 1,688.7 | 81.1                                                                  | 45.2                                                 | 265.2                | ..                                                                                | 265.2                                                                         | 1,018.8                                                                                                                                        |
| January .. ..                         | 347.3         | 115.8                       | 1,224.5                     | 1,687.6 | 82.9                                                                  | 61.2                                                 | 277.2                | ..                                                                                | 265.2                                                                         | 1,007.0                                                                                                                                        |
| February .. ..                        | 349.5         | 113.9                       | 1,250.5                     | 1,713.9 | 75.1                                                                  | 78.5                                                 | 307.9                | ..                                                                                | 253.9                                                                         | 984.9                                                                                                                                          |
| March .. ..                           | 350.7         | 113.3                       | 1,267.3                     | 1,731.3 | 69.5                                                                  | 85.0                                                 | 319.9                | 21.0                                                                              | 250.2                                                                         | 971.6                                                                                                                                          |
| April .. ..                           | 348.8         | 118.5                       | 1,250.2                     | 1,717.5 | 71.8                                                                  | 48.7                                                 | 316.0                | 28.1                                                                              | 250.2                                                                         | 991.5                                                                                                                                          |
| May .. ..                             | 348.0         | 114.2                       | 1,219.2                     | 1,681.4 | 61.0                                                                  | 20.3                                                 | 305.5                | 33.2                                                                              | 250.2                                                                         | 1,002.3                                                                                                                                        |
| June .. ..                            | 353.5         | 115.5                       | 1,211.8                     | 1,680.8 | 66.0                                                                  | 18.0                                                 | 294.6                | 28.3                                                                              | 250.2                                                                         | 1,003.5                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>1959-60—</b>                       |               |                             |                             |         |                                                                       |                                                      |                      |                                                                                   |                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                |
| July .. ..                            | 352.4         | 126.9                       | 1,202.0                     | 1,681.3 | 69.3                                                                  | 21.3                                                 | 287.4                | 29.1                                                                              | 250.2                                                                         | 1,023.3                                                                                                                                        |
| August .. ..                          | 353.7         | 132.7                       | 1,197.0                     | 1,683.4 | 67.0                                                                  | 29.4                                                 | 291.3                | 29.9                                                                              | 250.2                                                                         | 1,019.9                                                                                                                                        |
| September ..                          | 357.8         | 132.2                       | 1,226.7                     | 1,716.7 | 74.1                                                                  | 31.5                                                 | 308.4                | 31.8                                                                              | 250.2                                                                         | 1,016.9                                                                                                                                        |
| October .. ..                         | 362.3         | 131.8                       | 1,252.2                     | 1,746.3 | 70.6                                                                  | 34.5                                                 | 326.3                | 34.3                                                                              | 250.2                                                                         | 1,033.1                                                                                                                                        |
| November ..                           | 363.9         | 130.3                       | 1,287.5                     | 1,781.7 | 69.3                                                                  | 30.9                                                 | 331.6                | 32.9                                                                              | 265.2                                                                         | 1,036.5                                                                                                                                        |
| December(e) ..                        | 351.5         | 130.1                       | 1,330.8                     | 1,812.4 | 86.6                                                                  | 23.3                                                 | 325.2                | 31.2                                                                              | 285.1                                                                         | 1,030.6                                                                                                                                        |
| January .. ..                         | 349.9         | 125.3                       | 1,335.0                     | 1,810.2 | 82.1                                                                  | 45.1                                                 | 335.1                | 34.6                                                                              | 286.5                                                                         | 1,022.9                                                                                                                                        |
| February .. ..                        | 369.0         | 112.2                       | 1,360.8                     | 1,842.0 | 69.7                                                                  | 39.2                                                 | 355.8                | 32.8                                                                              | 300.2                                                                         | 1,019.5                                                                                                                                        |
| March .. ..                           | 370.7         | 116.4                       | 1,373.0                     | 1,860.1 | 68.5                                                                  | 39.9                                                 | 356.2                | 31.4                                                                              | 308.6                                                                         | 1,023.9                                                                                                                                        |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Includes Commonwealth Trading Bank, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period.                           | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |        |
| 1953-54 .. ..                     | 171.7            | 154.9     | 51.0        | 32.8             | 25.4               | 9.9       | 0.5                 | 0.8                           | 447.0  |
| 1954-55 .. ..                     | 187.5            | 176.2     | 53.9        | 36.3             | 26.2               | 10.7      | 0.5                 | 0.8                           | 492.1  |
| 1955-56 .. ..                     | 200.9            | 185.4     | 56.0        | 39.6             | 26.9               | 11.6      | 0.6                 | 1.0                           | 522.0  |
| 1956-57 .. ..                     | 219.4            | 195.5     | 62.7        | 42.7             | 28.6               | 12.6      | 0.6                 | 1.2                           | 563.3  |
| 1957-58 .. ..                     | 230.4            | 207.1     | 65.6        | 44.3             | 30.2               | 12.9      | 0.7                 | 1.5                           | 592.7  |
| 1958-59 .. ..                     | 248.9            | 224.7     | 70.3        | 46.2             | 30.7               | 13.8      | 0.8                 | 2.0                           | 637.4  |
| 1957-58—                          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |        |
| March .. ..                       | 239.8            | 212.5     | 64.2        | 45.6             | 31.2               | 14.5      | 0.6                 | 1.6                           | 610.0  |
| April .. ..                       | 234.2            | 216.5     | 66.8        | 46.1             | 29.8               | 13.9      | 0.7                 | 2.1                           | 610.1  |
| May .. ..                         | 235.0            | 218.2     | 64.6        | 44.8             | 29.7               | 14.2      | 0.7                 | 1.7                           | 608.9  |
| June .. ..                        | 231.8            | 216.9     | 66.5        | 43.4             | 28.3               | 14.3      | 0.7                 | 1.8                           | 603.7  |
| 1958-59—                          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |        |
| July .. ..                        | 242.6            | 219.6     | 71.0        | 44.2             | 28.8               | 14.2      | 0.8                 | 2.3                           | 623.5  |
| August .. ..                      | 218.8            | 195.0     | 64.8        | 40.3             | 25.9               | 11.8      | 0.8                 | 1.6                           | 559.0  |
| September ..                      | 236.1            | 206.9     | 69.8        | 42.4             | 28.2               | 12.4      | 0.8                 | 1.9                           | 598.5  |
| October .. ..                     | 252.3            | 224.4     | 72.5        | 45.1             | 30.4               | 13.3      | 0.8                 | 1.8                           | 640.6  |
| November ..                       | 254.3            | 225.6     | 73.1        | 45.9             | 29.7               | 14.0      | 0.8                 | 1.8                           | 645.2  |
| December ..                       | 274.5            | 253.4     | 77.0        | 51.2             | 33.1               | 15.5      | 1.0                 | 2.0                           | 707.7  |
| January .. ..                     | 205.7            | 176.8     | 58.8        | 39.1             | 31.9               | 10.4      | 0.8                 | 1.7                           | 525.2  |
| February ..                       | 254.3            | 244.6     | 69.6        | 50.6             | 37.2               | 13.9      | 0.7                 | 2.0                           | 672.9  |
| March .. ..                       | 259.1            | 235.0     | 70.2        | 49.9             | 33.5               | 14.2      | 0.8                 | 1.8                           | 664.5  |
| April .. ..                       | 250.1            | 223.0     | 70.2        | 48.1             | 30.1               | 15.3      | 0.8                 | 2.2                           | 639.8  |
| May .. ..                         | 263.5            | 247.1     | 70.3        | 49.0             | 30.9               | 15.6      | 0.8                 | 1.9                           | 679.1  |
| June .. ..                        | 269.6            | 240.1     | 73.3        | 47.3             | 29.2               | 14.6      | 0.8                 | 2.7                           | 677.6  |
| 1959-60—                          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |        |
| July .. ..                        | 275.3            | 251.2     | 77.9        | 50.5             | 31.6               | 15.5      | 1.0                 | 2.5                           | 705.5  |
| August .. ..                      | 254.5            | 228.6     | 72.1        | 45.9             | 29.5               | 13.8      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 647.6  |
| September ..                      | 283.1            | 247.6     | 79.7        | 51.3             | 33.5               | 14.7      | 0.9                 | 2.3                           | 713.1  |
| October .. ..                     | 290.5            | 262.7     | 79.7        | 51.9             | 34.3               | 14.1      | 1.0                 | 2.3                           | 736.5  |
| November ..                       | 295.2            | 265.1     | 79.9        | 53.3             | 34.7               | 15.2      | 1.0                 | 2.4                           | 746.8  |
| December r ..                     | 312.5            | 297.9     | 86.5        | 58.8             | 38.2               | 17.6      | 1.0                 | 3.0                           | 815.5  |
| January .. ..                     | 259.3            | 227.4     | 72.1        | 46.3             | 38.0               | 12.8      | 0.9                 | 1.9                           | 658.7  |
| February ..                       | 294.1            | 260.8     | 75.9        | 54.6             | 36.2               | 14.5      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 739.3  |
| March .. ..                       | 319.4            | 273.1     | 79.7        | 55.3             | 36.9               | 15.8      | 0.9                 | 2.7                           | 783.8  |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits Departments of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.)

# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               | Australia.           |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
|            | New South Wales.                     | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. |                      |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0                                 | 75.7      | 27.3        | 26.5             | 11.8               | 7.2       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 230.9                |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0                                 | 78.9      | 28.2        | 27.2             | 12.0               | 7.7       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 240.4                |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5                                 | 80.5      | 29.0        | 27.4             | 12.4               | 8.4       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 245.6                |
| 1952-53 .. | 319.1                                | 320.0     | 109.4       | 113.9            | 49.8               | 32.1      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | 947.5                |
| 1953-54 .. | 339.8                                | 339.8     | 117.4       | 122.9            | 52.6               | 34.0      | 1.3                 | 2.3                           | 1,010.1              |
| 1954-55 .. | 358.6                                | 364.8     | 124.8       | 131.7            | 53.6               | 35.8      | 1.5                 | 2.6                           | 1,073.4              |
| 1955-56 .. | 386.6                                | 386.2     | 132.7       | 135.7            | 57.9               | 37.2      | 1.7                 | 3.0                           | 1,141.0              |
| 1956-57 .. | 422.2                                | 411.6     | 144.6       | 142.4            | 62.7               | 38.7      | 1.9                 | 3.3                           | 1,227.4              |
| 1957-58 .. | 449.0                                | 433.6     | 153.2       | 148.9            | 66.0               | 40.2      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | 1,296.8              |
| 1958-59 .. | 488.3                                | 458.4     | 166.7       | 157.1            | 71.5               | 42.5      | 2.2                 | 4.6                           | 1,391.3              |
| 1957-58—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |                      |
| March ..   | 439.1                                | 422.7     | 149.4       | 145.9            | 64.6               | 39.8      | 2.0                 | 3.8                           | 1,267.3              |
| April ..   | 440.4                                | 423.5     | 149.8       | 145.7            | 64.8               | 39.9      | 2.0                 | 3.7                           | 1,269.8              |
| May ..     | 440.7                                | 425.4     | 150.0       | 145.0            | 64.6               | 39.8      | 2.0                 | 3.7                           | 1,271.2              |
| June ..    | 449.0                                | 433.6     | 153.2       | 148.9            | 66.0               | 40.2      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | <sup>a</sup> 1,296.8 |
| 1958-59—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |                      |
| July ..    | 451.9                                | 434.9     | 155.1       | 149.6            | 66.4               | 40.7      | 2.2                 | 4.0                           | 1,304.8              |
| August ..  | 454.1                                | 437.1     | 156.2       | 149.4            | 66.5               | 41.3      | 2.2                 | 4.0                           | 1,310.8              |
| September  | 457.7                                | 439.1     | 158.2       | 149.8            | 67.7               | 41.5      | 2.2                 | 4.0                           | 1,320.2              |
| October    | 459.3                                | 440.8     | 159.4       | 150.0            | 67.9               | 41.3      | 2.2                 | 4.1                           | 1,325.0              |
| November   | 462.7                                | 443.0     | 160.6       | 150.6            | 68.3               | 41.4      | 2.3                 | 4.1                           | 1,333.0              |
| December   | 465.7                                | 443.9     | 161.3       | 150.6            | 68.2               | 41.3      | 2.2                 | 4.2                           | 1,337.4              |
| January    | 468.1                                | 443.6     | 160.1       | 150.8            | 68.2               | 41.4      | 2.1                 | 4.3                           | 1,338.6              |
| February   | 471.3                                | 444.5     | 160.3       | 151.8            | 68.5               | 41.8      | 2.1                 | 4.3                           | 1,344.6              |
| March ..   | 473.0                                | 445.8     | 160.6       | 152.6            | 69.1               | 41.8      | 2.1                 | 4.3                           | 1,349.3              |
| April ..   | 474.3                                | 444.9     | 161.2       | 152.4            | 69.2               | 41.8      | 2.1                 | 4.5                           | 1,350.4              |
| May ..     | 476.9                                | 447.6     | 162.2       | 152.4            | 69.6               | 41.8      | 2.2                 | 4.5                           | 1,357.2              |
| June ..    | 488.3                                | 458.4     | 166.7       | 157.1            | 71.5               | 42.5      | 2.2                 | 4.6                           | <sup>a</sup> 1,391.3 |
| 1959-60—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |                      |
| July ..    | 493.3                                | 461.4     | 168.7       | 158.1            | 72.3               | 43.1      | 2.3                 | 4.7                           | 1,403.9              |
| August ..  | 498.3                                | 467.3     | 171.0       | 158.9            | 73.1               | 43.8      | 2.4                 | 4.8                           | 1,419.6              |
| September  | 505.3                                | 473.9     | 173.8       | 160.3            | 74.6               | 44.1      | 2.5                 | 4.8                           | 1,439.3              |
| October    | 510.7                                | 478.1     | 175.8       | 161.9            | 75.4               | 44.3      | 2.5                 | 4.9                           | 1,453.6              |
| November   | 513.6                                | 480.6     | 176.3       | 162.9            | 75.7               | 44.6      | 2.5                 | 5.0                           | 1,461.2              |
| December   | 514.9                                | 480.4     | 175.7       | 162.2            | 75.3               | 44.5      | 2.5                 | 5.0                           | 1,460.5              |
| January    | 517.2                                | 480.7     | 175.2       | 162.6            | 75.4               | 44.7      | 2.4                 | 5.0                           | 1,463.2              |
| February   | 521.1                                | 485.0     | 175.9       | 163.1            | 76.1               | 45.1      | 2.4                 | 5.1                           | 1,473.8              |
| March ..   | 523.5                                | 485.8     | 176.0       | 163.0            | 76.1               | 45.4      | 2.4                 | 5.1                           | 1,477.3              |

(a) Interest added 1957-58, £31.2m.; 1958-59, £35.4m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period.                 | New Policies issued.(b) |              |                        |              | Premiums.(c)         |                        | Claims, etc., Paid.(d) |                        | New Loans Granted.(e) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                         | Ordinary Department.    |              | Industrial Department. |              | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department.   | Industrial Department. |                       |
|                         | Number.                 | Sum Assured. | Number.                | Sum Assured. |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
|                         |                         | £'000.       |                        | £'000.       | £'000.               | £'000.                 | £'000.                 | £'000.                 | £'000.                |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 1937 .. ..              | 12,296                  | 4,120        | 36,148                 | 1,684        | 1,045                | 474                    | 747                    | 223                    | n.a.                  |
| 1938 .. ..              | 11,470                  | 3,867        | 32,757                 | 1,530        | 1,075                | 617                    | 781                    | 246                    | n.a.                  |
| 1939 .. ..              | 11,293                  | 3,886        | 32,125                 | 1,545        | 1,144                | 541                    | 835                    | 303                    | n.a.                  |
|                         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 23,607                  | 18,464       | 23,216                 | 2,817        | 3,651                | 1,102                  | 1,441                  | 546                    | 3,963                 |
| 1952-53.. ..            | 23,643                  | 18,828       | 22,853                 | 2,946        | 4,186                | 1,147                  | 1,576                  | 619                    | 3,011                 |
| 1953-54.. ..            | 23,709                  | 21,177       | 19,964                 | 2,714        | 4,679                | 1,172                  | 1,763                  | 670                    | 2,872                 |
| 1954-55.. ..            | 23,505                  | 24,365       | 18,415                 | 2,734        | 5,175                | 1,218                  | 1,983                  | 738                    | 4,319                 |
| 1955-56.. ..            | 24,796                  | 27,893       | 17,551                 | 2,721        | 5,785                | 1,228                  | 2,263                  | 793                    | 4,744                 |
| 1956-57.. ..            | 24,328                  | 32,683       | 17,526                 | 2,761        | 6,454                | 1,248                  | 2,470                  | 841                    | 4,992                 |
| 1957-58.. ..            | 24,967                  | 37,562       | 17,414                 | 2,819        | 7,289                | 1,273                  | 2,797                  | 912                    | 4,948                 |
| 1958-59.. ..            | 26,312                  | 43,430       | 16,001                 | 2,683        | 8,005                | 1,268                  | 2,255                  | 629                    | 6,103                 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 1957-58—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| February .. ..          | 19,583                  | 27,499       | 14,930                 | 2,332        | 6,161                | 1,238                  | 2,562                  | 869                    | 4,076                 |
| March .. ..             | 25,173                  | 34,355       | 17,866                 | 2,893        | 7,480                | 1,332                  | 2,941                  | 957                    | 4,937                 |
| April .. ..             | 20,152                  | 28,228       | 15,627                 | 2,528        | 7,361                | 1,197                  | 2,592                  | 777                    | 5,687                 |
| May .. ..               | 24,556                  | 37,631       | 18,653                 | 2,993        | 7,822                | 1,308                  | 2,957                  | 964                    | 5,379                 |
| June .. ..              | 26,924                  | 45,937       | 22,581                 | 3,716        | 9,169                | 1,363                  | 3,036                  | 869                    | 4,862                 |
|                         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 1958-59—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| July .. ..              | 27,662                  | 44,718       | 18,343                 | 2,974        | 8,867                | 1,339                  | 3,476                  | 1,001                  | 5,777                 |
| August .. ..            | 28,629                  | 40,527       | 18,112                 | 3,011        | 7,199                | 1,209                  | 3,001                  | 959                    | 5,107                 |
| September .. ..         | 33,880                  | 52,418       | 24,392                 | 3,942        | 8,173                | 1,374                  | 3,207                  | 866                    | 6,577                 |
| October .. ..           | 25,273                  | 40,393       | 15,395                 | 2,567        | 7,465                | 1,303                  | 2,924                  | 833                    | 7,093                 |
| November .. ..          | 24,970                  | 38,410       | 16,155                 | 2,744        | 6,880                | 1,573                  | 2,808                  | 846                    | 6,033                 |
| December .. ..          | 28,549                  | 76,987       | 11,463                 | 2,243        | 8,582                | 1,276                  | 3,447                  | 767                    | 8,036                 |
| January .. ..           | 16,194                  | 25,976       | 4,234                  | 646          | 6,524                | 754                    | 2,312                  | 613                    | 3,876                 |
| February .. ..          | 19,872                  | 29,761       | 14,390                 | 2,323        | 6,857                | 1,238                  | 2,896                  | 844                    | 4,495                 |
| March .. ..             | 24,415                  | 36,387       | 16,788                 | 2,802        | 7,958                | 1,321                  | 2,928                  | 911                    | 6,389                 |
| April .. ..             | 26,737                  | 40,925       | 16,633                 | 2,746        | 8,616                | 1,287                  | 3,062                  | 861                    | 6,680                 |
| May .. ..               | 28,651                  | 44,285       | 16,886                 | 2,842        | 8,485                | 1,177                  | 3,129                  | 928                    | 7,304                 |
| June .. ..              | 30,920                  | 50,374       | 19,215                 | 3,351        | 10,466               | 1,363                  | 3,552                  | 939                    | 5,875                 |
|                         |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| 1959-60—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                        |                        |                       |
| July .. ..              | 30,922                  | 55,025       | 16,544                 | 2,782        | 9,398                | 1,325                  | 3,512                  | 1,100                  | 6,396                 |
| August .. ..            | 31,817                  | 51,570       | 19,612                 | 3,364        | 8,101                | 1,326                  | 3,332                  | 1,034                  | 5,525                 |
| September .. ..         | 41,931                  | 64,134       | 19,720                 | 3,306        | 9,113                | 1,276                  | 3,972                  | 1,003                  | 6,984                 |
| October .. ..           | 28,481                  | 50,261       | 15,738                 | 2,739        | 8,096                | 1,355                  | 3,490                  | 888                    | 5,865                 |
| November .. ..          | 31,212                  | 55,529       | 15,476                 | 2,665        | 7,173                | 1,364                  | 2,980                  | 880                    | 6,659                 |
| December .. ..          | 36,554                  | 105,422      | 14,046                 | 2,772        | 9,678                | 1,626                  | 3,719                  | 694                    | 7,554                 |
| January .. ..           | 21,319                  | 30,406       | 3,395                  | 570          | 7,097                | 536                    | 2,534                  | 608                    | 3,860                 |
| February .. ..          | 29,934                  | 44,692       | 17,941                 | 3,104        | 7,641                | 1,274                  | 3,027                  | 897                    | 5,019                 |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.  
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period.      | Exchange Rates.(a)      |                         |                            | Gold Prices.(a)  |                    | Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. |                         | Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|              | Australia on London.(b) | London on New York. (b) | Australia on New York. (c) | Australia.       | London.            | Short Dated 2 years.(d)                                                 | Long Dated 12 years.(d) |                                                        |
|              | £A. per £100 Stg.       | \$ per £Stg.            | \$ per £A.                 | £A. per fine oz. | £Stg. per fine oz. | Per cent.                                                               | Per cent.               | Per cent. (e)                                          |
| 1936-37 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.939                   | 3.929                      | 8.781            | 7.041              | (f) 3.57                                                                | (g) 3.94                | (h)5.3                                                 |
| 1937-38 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.980                   | 3.961                      | 8.690            | 7.001              | (f) 3.30                                                                | (g) 3.71                | (h)5.3                                                 |
| 1938-39 ..   | 125.25                  | 4.738                   | 3.759                      | 9.137            | 7.340              | (f) 3.67                                                                | (g) 3.84                | (i)5.4                                                 |
| 1952-53 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.804                   | 2.231                      | 15.492           | 12.400             | 3.03                                                                    | 4.54                    | 4.7                                                    |
| 1953-54 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.813                   | 2.238                      | 15.514           | 12.411             | 3.10                                                                    | 4.44                    | 4.9                                                    |
| 1954-55 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.797                   | 2.226                      | 15.625           | 12.536             | 3.49                                                                    | 4.50                    | 5.2                                                    |
| 1955-56 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.795                   | 2.228                      | 15.625           | 12.496             | 4.39                                                                    | 4.76                    | 5.8                                                    |
| 1956-57 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.789                   | 2.220                      | 15.625           | 12.532             | 4.71                                                                    | 5.06                    | 6.5                                                    |
| 1957-58 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.805                   | 2.232                      | 15.625           | 12.491             | 4.38                                                                    | 4.99                    | 7.0                                                    |
| 1958-59 ..   | 125.25                  | 2.809                   | 2.235                      | 15.625           | 12.496             | 4.16                                                                    | 4.94                    | 7.0                                                    |
| 1957-58—     |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |                                                                         |                         | (i) (j)                                                |
| March ..     | 125.25                  | 2.815                   | 2.241                      | 15.625           | 12.464             | 4.30                                                                    | 4.98                    | 7.1                                                    |
| April ..     | 125.25                  | 2.816                   | 2.242                      | 15.625           | 12.461             | 4.30                                                                    | 4.96                    | 7.1                                                    |
| May ..       | 125.25                  | 2.816                   | 2.241                      | 15.625           | 12.472             | 4.25                                                                    | 4.96                    | 7.1                                                    |
| June ..      | 125.25                  | 2.811                   | 2.237                      | 15.625           | 12.484             | 4.25                                                                    | 4.94                    | 7.1                                                    |
| 1958-59—     |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |                                                                         |                         |                                                        |
| July ..      | 125.25                  | 2.805                   | 2.232                      | 15.625           | 12.522             | 4.28                                                                    | 4.96                    | 7.0                                                    |
| August ..    | 125.25                  | 2.805                   | 2.233                      | 15.625           | 12.511             | 4.30                                                                    | 4.97                    | 7.0                                                    |
| September .. | 125.25                  | 2.803                   | 2.231                      | 15.625           | 12.521             | 4.30                                                                    | 4.97                    | 7.0                                                    |
| October ..   | 125.25                  | 2.807                   | 2.234                      | 15.625           | 12.507             | 4.25                                                                    | 4.98                    | 7.0                                                    |
| November ..  | 125.25                  | 2.806                   | 2.233                      | 15.625           | 12.510             | 4.24                                                                    | 4.96                    | 7.0                                                    |
| December ..  | 125.25                  | 2.804                   | 2.232                      | 15.625           | 12.515             | 4.23                                                                    | 4.93                    | 7.0                                                    |
| January ..   | 125.25                  | 2.807                   | 2.233                      | 15.625           | 12.495             | 4.18                                                                    | 4.96                    | 7.0                                                    |
| February ..  | 125.25                  | 2.810                   | 2.236                      | 15.625           | 12.479             | 4.15                                                                    | 4.95                    | 7.0                                                    |
| March ..     | 125.25                  | 2.813                   | 2.238                      | 15.625           | 12.465             | 4.00                                                                    | 4.89                    | 7.1                                                    |
| April ..     | 125.25                  | 2.817                   | 2.242                      | 15.625           | 12.456             | 4.01                                                                    | 4.92                    | 7.1                                                    |
| May ..       | 125.25                  | 2.815                   | 2.240                      | 15.625           | 12.476             | 4.01                                                                    | 4.95                    | 7.1                                                    |
| June ..      | 125.25                  | 2.813                   | 2.239                      | 15.625           | 12.485             | 4.00                                                                    | 4.89                    | 7.1                                                    |
| 1959-60—     |                         |                         |                            |                  |                    |                                                                         |                         |                                                        |
| July ..      | 125.25                  | 2.812                   | 2.238                      | 15.625           | 12.492             | 3.91                                                                    | 4.91                    | 7.1                                                    |
| August ..    | 125.25                  | 2.810                   | 2.236                      | 15.625           | 12.497             | 3.88                                                                    | 4.89                    | 7.2                                                    |
| September .. | 125.25                  | 2.804                   | 2.232                      | 15.625           | 12.527             | 3.93                                                                    | 4.90                    | 7.2                                                    |
| October ..   | 125.25                  | 2.807                   | 2.234                      | 15.625           | 12.507             | 3.94                                                                    | 4.90                    | 7.3                                                    |
| November ..  | 125.25                  | 2.803                   | 2.231                      | 15.625           | 12.509             | 3.94                                                                    | 4.89                    | 7.4                                                    |
| December ..  | 125.25                  | 2.799                   | 2.227                      | 15.625           | 12.524             | 3.95                                                                    | 4.93                    | 7.6                                                    |
| January ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                   | 2.228                      | 15.625           | 12.531             | 3.99                                                                    | 4.92                    | 7.6                                                    |
| February ..  | 125.25                  | 2.804                   | 2.231                      | 15.625           | 12.518             | 4.02                                                                    | 4.92                    | 7.6                                                    |
| March ..     | 125.25                  | 2.806                   | 2.233                      | 15.625           | 12.506             | 4.14                                                                    | 4.94                    | 7.7                                                    |

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate, Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

# INTEREST RATES. (Per Cent. per Annum.)

| Date of Change in Rate. | Trading Banks—  |           |            |            |                                |                        | Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate). | Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). (b) | Common-wealth Loans (Long Term). |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                         | Fixed Deposits— |           |            |            | Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).     |                        |                                                     |                                     |                                  |
|                         | 3 months.       | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | Common-wealth Trading Bank (a) | Private Trading Banks. |                                                     |                                     |                                  |
| 1941—22nd Sept. ..      | 1.50            | 1.75      | 2.00       | 2.25       | 4.25                           | (c)                    | 2.00                                                | 1.50                                | 3.250                            |
| 1942—14th March ..      | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.25                           | 5.00                   | 2.00                                                | 1.50                                | 3.250                            |
| 1943—1st May ..         | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.25                           | 5.00                   | 2.00                                                | 1.25                                | 3.250                            |
| 1944—17th January ..    | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | 2.00       | 4.25                           | 5.00                   | 2.00                                                | 1.25                                | 3.250                            |
| 11th August ..          | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00                                                | 1.25                                | 3.250                            |
| 1945—1st March ..       | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.25       | 1.75       | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00                                                | 1.00                                | 3.250                            |
| 1st December ..         | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00                                                | 1.00                                | 3.250                            |
| 1946—20th November ..   | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.75                   | 2.00                                                | 1.00                                | 3.125                            |
| 1947—1st January ..     | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00                                                | 1.00                                | 3.125                            |
| 1949—1st May ..         | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00                                                | 0.75                                | 3.125                            |
| 1951—21st August ..     | 0.50            | 0.75      | 1.00       | (d)1.50    | 4.25                           | 4.50                   | 2.00                                                | 0.75                                | 3.750                            |
| 1952—29th July ..       | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | (e)1.75    | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.25                                                | 1.00                                | 3.750                            |
| 25th November ..        | 1.00            | 1.25      | 1.50       | (e)1.75    | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.25                                                | 1.00                                | 4.500                            |
| 1955—1st January ..     | 1.25            | 1.50      | 1.75       | 2.00       | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.50                                                | 1.00                                | 4.500                            |
| 1956—15th March ..      | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | 4.75                           | 5.00                   | 2.50                                                | 1.00                                | 4.500                            |
| 1st April ..            | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | (f) 6.00                       | (f)6.00                | 2.75                                                | 1.00                                | 4.500                            |
| 10th May ..             | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.00       | (f) 6.00                       | (f)6.00                | 2.75                                                | 1.00                                | 5.000                            |
| 4th December ..         | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.50       | (f) 6.00                       | (f)6.00                | 2.75                                                | 1.00                                | 5.000                            |
| 1958—1st November ..    | 2.25            | 2.50      | 2.75       | 3.50       | (f) 6.00                       | (f)6.00                | 3.00                                                | 1.00                                | 5.000                            |

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Seasonal Securities which were first issued in November 1959 carry a discount rate of approximately 3 per cent. per annum. (c) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (f) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a) (£'000.)

| Date.       | Commonwealth.   |                      | States. | Total.  | Date.      | Commonwealth.   |                      | States. | Total.  |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|---------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|---------|
|             | Treasury Bills. | Seasonal Securities. |         |         |            | Treasury Bills. | Seasonal Securities. |         |         |
| 30th June—  |                 |                      |         |         | 1958—59—   |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1937 ..     | ..              | ..                   | 46,408  | 46,408  | 31st Oct.  | 228,000         | ..                   | 3,000   | 231,000 |
| 1938 ..     | ..              | ..                   | 46,598  | 46,598  | 30th Nov.  | 254,000         | ..                   | 3,000   | 257,000 |
| 1939 ..     | ..              | ..                   | 50,228  | 50,228  | 31st Dec.  | 282,000         | ..                   | 5,000   | 287,000 |
| 1952 ..     | 153,280         | ..                   | ..      | 153,280 | 31st Jan.  | 268,000         | ..                   | 5,000   | 273,000 |
| 1953 ..     | 225,000         | ..                   | ..      | 225,000 | 28th Feb.  | 229,000         | ..                   | 5,000   | 234,000 |
| 1954 ..     | 190,000         | ..                   | ..      | 190,000 | 31st Mar.  | 239,000         | ..                   | 4,250   | 243,250 |
| 1955 ..     | 160,000         | ..                   | ..      | 160,000 | 30th April | 163,000         | ..                   | 4,250   | 167,250 |
| 1956 ..     | 165,000         | ..                   | ..      | 165,000 | 31st May   | 133,000         | ..                   | 3,250   | 136,250 |
| 1957 ..     | 150,000         | ..                   | ..      | 150,000 | 30th June  | 171,000         | ..                   | ..      | 171,000 |
| 1958 ..     | 140,000         | ..                   | ..      | 140,000 | 1959—60—   |                 |                      |         |         |
| 1959 ..     | 171,000         | ..                   | ..      | 171,000 | 31st July  | 169,000         | ..                   | ..      | 169,000 |
| 1957—58—    |                 |                      |         |         | 31st Aug.  | 201,000         | ..                   | ..      | 201,000 |
| 30th April  | 168,000         | ..                   | 6,000   | 174,000 | 30th Sept. | 239,000         | ..                   | ..      | 239,000 |
| 31st May    | 134,000         | ..                   | 5,000   | 139,000 | 31st Oct.  | 279,000         | ..                   | 1,000   | 280,000 |
| 30th June   | 140,000         | ..                   | ..      | 140,000 | 30th Nov.  | 299,000         | 12,109               | 2,000   | 313,109 |
| 31st July   | 142,000         | ..                   | 3,000   | 145,000 | 31st Dec.  | 299,000         | 23,498               | 3,000   | 325,498 |
| 31st August | 163,000         | ..                   | 3,000   | 166,000 | 31st Jan.  | 285,000         | 38,064               | 3,000   | 326,064 |
| 30th Sept.  | 195,000         | ..                   | 3,000   | 198,000 | 29th Feb.  | 270,000         | 38,397               | 2,000   | 311,397 |
|             |                 |                      |         |         | 31st Mar.  | 255,000         | 43,595               | 2,000   | 300,595 |

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

## CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

| Period.               | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six States. | Common-wealth. | Grand Total.(b) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE.              |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| 1938-39 .. ..         | 51.1                | 27.0      | 19.3         | 12.3             | 11.0               | 3.6       | 124.3       | 95.1           | 209.5           |
| 1953-54 .. ..         | 188.7               | 106.7     | 69.7         | 48.4             | 43.6               | 13.3      | 470.4       | 1,022.8        | 1,314.2         |
| 1954-55 .. ..         | 195.4               | 116.8     | 73.8         | 48.7             | 46.1               | 14.5      | 495.3       | 1,067.4        | 1,378.2         |
| 1955-56 .. ..         | 204.4               | 123.1     | 75.7         | 55.4             | 49.6               | 17.8      | 526.0       | 1,138.4        | 1,466.1         |
| 1956-57 .. ..         | 223.8               | 133.2     | 85.2         | 61.6             | 54.3               | 18.8      | 576.9       | 1,311.8        | 1,672.4         |
| 1957-58 .. ..         | 231.5               | 142.3     | 88.0         | 66.3             | 57.1               | 20.0      | 605.2       | 1,323.8        | 1,690.7         |
| 1958-59 .. ..         | 239.8               | 151.2     | 99.0         | 68.0             | 60.1               | 21.9      | 640.0       | 1,296.1        | 1,682.9         |
| 1959-60 (Estimate) .. | 250.6               | 162.0     | 101.9        | 75.3             | 63.3               | 24.1      | 677.2       | 1,391.6        | 1,788.4         |
| 1957-58—              |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July-January ..       | 120.6               | 67.6      | 47.8         | 36.2             | 30.7               | 9.7       | 312.6       | 569.8          | 768.3           |
| February ..           | 137.0               | 77.7      | 53.4         | 41.3             | 35.0               | 11.0      | 355.4       | 673.2          | 898.2           |
| March ..              | 155.8               | 87.9      | 60.0         | 46.7             | 39.5               | 13.1      | 403.0       | 796.9          | 1,051.9         |
| 1958-59—              |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July-January ..       | 122.7               | 70.6      | 55.5         | 36.4             | 32.6               | 11.1      | 328.9       | 580.5          | 786.5           |
| February ..           | 141.0               | 81.2      | 61.8         | 41.9             | 37.3               | 12.4      | 375.6       | 679.6          | 914.5           |
| March ..              | 160.4               | 90.9      | 68.5         | 47.0             | 41.6               | 14.7      | 423.1       | 787.5          | 1,052.9         |
| 1959-60—              |                     |           |              |                  |                    |           |             |                |                 |
| July-January ..       | 136.8               | 78.2      | 55.5         | 40.0             | 33.5               | 11.7      | 355.7       | 616.1          | 836.2           |
| February ..           | 156.4               | 89.6      | 62.1         | 45.9             | 38.4               | 13.3      | 405.7       | 743.8          | 994.8           |
| March ..              | 178.2               | 101.4     | 70.4         | 51.6             | 43.6               | 15.8      | 461.0       | 875.9          | 1,162.8         |

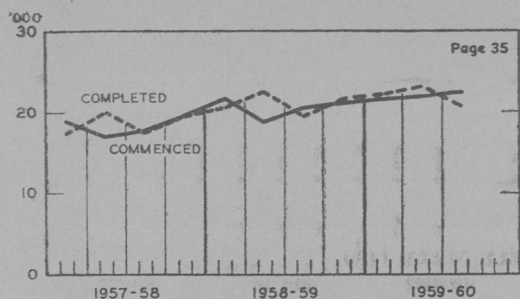
## EXPENDITURE.

|                       |       |       |       |      |      |      |       |         |         |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|---------|---------|
| 1938-39 .. ..         | 53.6  | 27.8  | 19.3  | 12.7 | 11.2 | 3.6  | 128.2 | 95.1    | 213.4   |
| 1953-54 .. ..         | 188.6 | 106.0 | 69.3  | 46.6 | 43.7 | 13.3 | 467.5 | 1,022.8 | 1,311.3 |
| 1954-55 .. ..         | 197.6 | 115.4 | 73.6  | 50.9 | 46.6 | 14.7 | 498.8 | 1,067.4 | 1,381.7 |
| 1955-56 .. ..         | 211.2 | 126.4 | 77.4  | 56.8 | 51.4 | 17.7 | 540.9 | 1,138.4 | 1,481.0 |
| 1956-57 .. ..         | 223.7 | 137.6 | 85.2  | 61.6 | 56.2 | 19.6 | 583.9 | 1,311.8 | 1,679.4 |
| 1957-58 .. ..         | 231.5 | 145.5 | 89.5  | 66.7 | 58.2 | 20.8 | 612.2 | 1,323.8 | 1,697.7 |
| 1958-59 .. ..         | 239.7 | 153.8 | 100.2 | 69.1 | 61.8 | 22.7 | 647.3 | 1,296.1 | 1,690.3 |
| 1959-60 (Estimate) .. | 250.6 | 165.1 | 101.8 | 76.1 | 64.8 | 24.7 | 683.1 | 1,391.6 | 1,794.3 |
| 1957-58—              |       |       |       |      |      |      |       |         |         |
| July-January ..       | 127.8 | 78.6  | 51.5  | 37.2 | 34.1 | 11.3 | 340.5 | 668.3   | 894.7   |
| February ..           | 145.2 | 88.9  | 57.9  | 42.0 | 38.6 | 12.8 | 385.4 | 756.6   | 1,011.6 |
| March ..              | 161.6 | 100.4 | 65.0  | 47.1 | 43.2 | 14.4 | 431.7 | 861.3   | 1,145.0 |
| 1958-59—              |       |       |       |      |      |      |       |         |         |
| July-January ..       | 130.9 | 82.6  | 58.9  | 38.1 | 36.8 | 12.7 | 360.0 | 712.2   | 949.4   |
| February ..           | 150.4 | 94.1  | 66.2  | 43.5 | 41.6 | 14.5 | 410.3 | 806.5   | 1,076.5 |
| March ..              | 168.4 | 106.2 | 74.4  | 49.0 | 46.4 | 16.3 | 460.7 | 898.5   | 1,201.5 |
| 1959-60—              |       |       |       |      |      |      |       |         |         |
| July-January ..       | 139.2 | 89.1  | 58.7  | 41.9 | 37.5 | 13.7 | 380.1 | 768.3   | 1,012.8 |
| February ..           | 159.8 | 101.5 | 66.5  | 47.8 | 42.7 | 15.5 | 433.8 | 873.6   | 1,152.6 |
| March ..              | 179.2 | 115.9 | 75.8  | 54.2 | 48.4 | 17.8 | 491.3 | 990.4   | 1,307.6 |

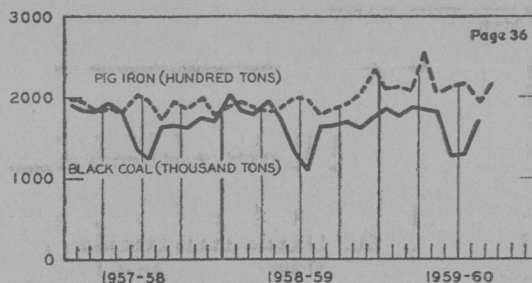
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(b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

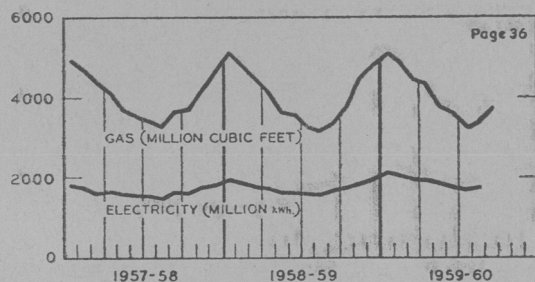
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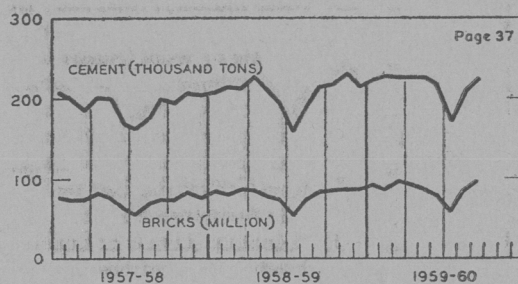
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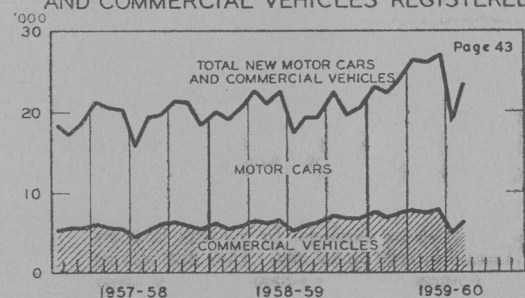
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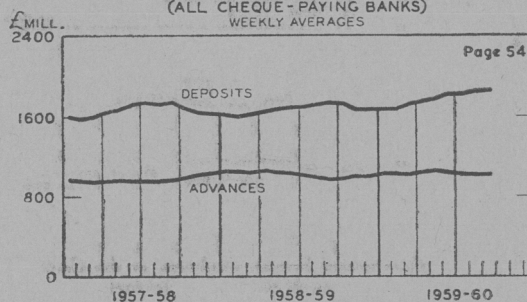
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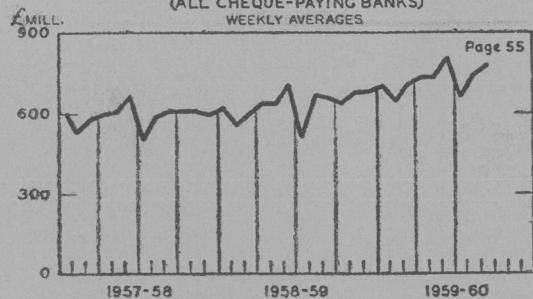


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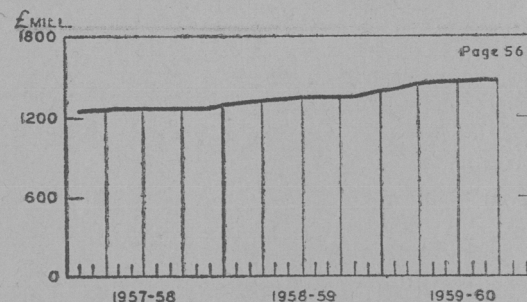


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